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This artist's sketch illustrates the Toyota Lexus Automotive Sales and Service Center and Vehicle Repair Shop and new headquarters that Atkins Kroll, Inc. will be building in Puerto Rico, Saipan.

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## Atkins Kroll to build \$18M HQ, Lexus dealership

Atkins Kroll Inc. will be building a new AK Toyota Lexus Automotive Sales and Service Center and Vehicle

Repair Shop in Puerto Rico, Saipan. The new dealership will serve as Atkins Kroll's CNMI headquarters and will

be the first Lexus dealership to open in the CNMI.

Atkins Kroll, Inc, which is celebrating 55 years of service

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#### LEGEND:

- Red: Least safe
- Orange
- Yellow
- Blue
- Green: Safest

Source: Office of the Governor

Andrei Camacho, 18, as he is escorted out of Superior Court Associate Judge Wesley Bogdan's courtroom following his initial appearance hearing yesterday.

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# Local

Staff from Northern Marianas College, Department of Labor, Department of Corrections, Community Guidance Center's System of Care, and community members attended the Adult Mental Health First Aid training on July 28, 2022.

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the CGC Youth and Young Adult coordinator. "We are hoping with all the training conducted—past and future—stigma will be reduced in the CNMI."

Participants are required to complete pre-work assignments, attend the entire instructor-led class, and complete post-work assignments to obtain a three-year MHFA certification. At the end of the training, participants will have gained confidence in providing initial support to those in need.

The next scheduled public training for Mental Health First Aid is Aug. 24, 2022, on Tinian and Aug. 25, 2022, on Saipan.

For more information or to request for the CGC's MHFA training, visit <https://www.chcc.health/communitysupporttraining.php> or call (670) 323-6560/61. For more information on MHFA, visit <https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org>. (CHCC)



## 42 are certified in Mental Health First Aid

**T**he Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. Community Guidance

Center's Healthy Transitions and System of Care Programs hosted Mental Health First Aid trainings certifying an additional 42 individuals.

The Youth MHFA Training was held on May 27, 2022, and sponsored by the Public School System's Da'ok Academy. In continued partnership with PSS, the training was led by Becky Mettao of CGC and Jericho Tobias of the PSS Office of Student and Support Services, and 13 individuals from PSS subsequently earned their Youth MHFA certification.

In June and July, a total of 29 individuals were certified

in Adult MHFA: eight staff from Karidat, six staff from Northern Marianas College, two staff from Department of Labor, two staff from Department of Corrections, two staff from CGC System of Care, and nine community members. The training on June 2, 2022, was led by Elora Masga of CGC and Rachel Rebuenog from the Department of Corrections; and the training on July 28, 2022, was led by CGC's Kimberly Mendiola and Kimberly Tudela.

"MHFA is an early intervention public education program that is known to reduce the stigma attached to mental health and can help people with mental health challenges access available supports and treatments services," said Tudela, who is

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Staff from Public School System's Da'ok Academy and Office of Curriculum and Instruction attended the Youth Mental Health First Aid training on May 27, 2022.



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Staff from Karidat attended the Adult Mental Health First Aid training on June 2, 2022.



# Four agencies again exceed Q3 budgets, says Atalig

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REPORTER

For the third quarter of fiscal year 2022, four law enforcement agencies again exceeded their total combined budget of \$10 million by incurring combined actual expenditures of \$13.3 million, with the excess of budgetary allotments attributed to their efforts in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In his financial report for the third quarter of fiscal year 2022 submitted to the Legislature last Aug. 2, Finance Secretary David DLG Atalig said a review of the expenditures finds that the agencies that exceeded their appropriated expenditures are the Department of Public Safety, Department of Corrections, Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, and the Department of Finance-Division of Customs and Biosecurity.

Atalig also disclosed that revenue collection for the third quarter, amounting to \$43,873,419, is 22.1% higher than the forecasted amount of \$37,380,691.

With respect to the CNMI's economic outlook, he reiterated his statement in his financial reports for the

» **Overall Q3 revenue collection is \$43.8M, which is 22.1% greater than forecasted \$37.3M**

first and second quarters of fiscal year 2022 that, while federal assistance in the American Rescue Plan Act has supported expenditures despite the widespread impact of the pandemic on the CNMI labor market, data from the third quarter shows continual implications on the broader economy outside of domestic consumption.

Atalig said that, as a result of both the Korea and the proposed Japan travel bubble programs, they can anticipate an increase in tourism arrivals, demand for goods and services, and an increase in revenue being generated to help the CNMI meet its fiscal year 2022 projections.

Regarding the law enforcement agencies' expenditures,

Atalig said that DPS was appropriated \$3,704,157 for the third quarter of fiscal year 2022, but its actual expenditures reached \$4,958,725.

For DOC, the actual appropriation of \$2,095,085 was insufficient to cover actual expenditures of \$2,735,593.

For DFEMS, the actual appropriation of \$2,832,194 was surpassed by its actual expenditure amount of \$3,609,799.

For the Division of Customs and Biosecurity, \$1,447,308 was appropriated, but the actual expenditure reached \$2,017,173.

Year-to-date fiscal year 2022 appropriation is 15.8% less than actual expenditures, Atalig said.

In summary, he said, unanticipated expenses and under-budgeted accounts have left a significant deficiency regarding year-to-date expenditures vs. year-to-date appropriations.

Atalig said the most prominent deficiency was disaster expenditures that were not appropriated funding despite accumulating an expense of \$20,798,894.

On revenues, Atalig said



Atalig

that third quarter Wage and Salary Tax collections stood at \$6,876,696 or approximately 8.17% higher than the forecasted budget collection.

He said the third quarter Northern Marianas Territorial Income Tax collections for personal income amounted to \$7,691,300.

Atalig said corporate income tax collection was valued at \$974,454, or approximately 96.5% more than the forecasted amount of \$495,970.

He said Business Gross Revenue Tax collections for the third quarter was \$17,782,862, which grew to approximately 22.1% more than the forecasted amount.

Atalig said total Excise

Tax collections yielded \$7,527,311, or 18.1 less than the forecasted budget.

Last February, Atalig disclosed in his financial report for the first quarter of fiscal year 2022 that the same four law enforcement agencies exceeded their total combined budget of \$3.3 million by incurring actual expenditures of \$4.9 million, with most of the excess going to the pandemic's response.

He said that in the first quarter, the revenue collection in the amount of \$35.3 million was 4.5% greater than the forecasted amount of \$33.8 million for that period.

Last May, Atalig disclosed in his financial report for second quarter of fiscal year

2022 that the same four law enforcement agencies exceeded their total combined budget of \$6.7 million by incurring actual expenditures of \$8.4 million, with the excess attributed to the government's efforts in responding to the COVID-19.

Revenue collection for the second quarter, amounting to \$38.5 million, was 5.9% greater than the forecasted amount of \$36.4 million.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### REQUEST FOR CNMI WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATIONS

Pursuant to Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act, activities that may result in a discharge to Waters of the United States and require a federal permit or license also receive Water Quality Certification. In issuing a Water Quality Certification for a federal permit or license, BECQ must assure that the proposed activity complies with all applicable provisions of the CNMI Water Quality Standards, will not interfere with the attainment or maintenance of the existing or designated uses of the Commonwealth waters, and that all appropriate and practicable steps have been taken to minimize potential adverse impacts to aquatic life and human health. Further, the Antidegradation Policy of the Water Quality Standards of the CNMI states that the protection and maintenance of the quality of the waters of the Commonwealth are an historic and legal right of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands, and that this shall be the public policy of the Commonwealth.

Upon receiving a request for certification, BECQ issues a public notification that describes the proposed activity and potential impacts on water quality, aquatic life and human health. A thirty (30) day public comment period will commence from the date of the publication of the notice.

The Administrator of BECQ may conduct a public hearing to solicit comments on the application if a hearing is requested by the public. BECQ will make a determination for issuing a Water Quality Certification based upon a complete technical review of the application and the public comments received.

BECQ is soliciting comments on the following two (2) requests for a CNMI Water Quality Certification.

- 1. APPLICANT:** Commonwealth Utilities Corporation  
PO Box 501220  
Third Floor, Joeten Dandan Building  
Saipan, MP 96950
- 2. APPLICABLE STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** CNMI Commonwealth Environmental Protection Act (Public Law No. 3-23); CNMI Water Quality Standards, Chapter 65-130
- 3. LOCATIONS OF PROPOSED ACTIVITIES:** 2 locations – (1) Sadog Tasi Wastewater Treatment Plant, Sadog Tasi, Saipan; and (2) Agingan Wastewater Treatment Plant, Agingan Point, Saipan
- 4. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITIES:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to issue renewals of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permits for the (1) Sadog Tasi and (2) Agingan Wastewater Treatment Plants to discharge into Tanapag Harbor and Tinian Channel, respectively. Both plants have been designed and presently operate to provide secondary treatment of municipal wastewater from the island of Saipan. The permittee, the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), has also applied for renewal of the Zones of Mixing extending out from each of the outfall diffuser structures. The Sadog Tasi Zone of Mixing currently allows, and is proposed to continue to allow, initial dilution (mixing) of 88 parts seawater to 1 part wastewater. The Agingan Zone of Mixing currently allows, and is proposed to continue to allow, initial dilution (mixing) of 288 parts seawater to 1 part wastewater. Both permits require Water Quality Certification by BECQ pursuant to CNMI Water Quality Standards and Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.
- 5. IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED ACTION:** The discharge for which a federal permit(s) is required, and therefore Water Quality Certification is required, is associated with ongoing discharge of secondary treated wastewater into waters of the United States at Tanapag Harbor and Tinian Channel. This activity has the potential to violate CNMI Water Quality Standards at the edge of the proposed Zones of Mixing, including for enterococcus bacteria and nutrients among other pollutants.
- 6. PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES:** In conjunction with the proposed renewal of the NPDES Permits, the EPA and the U.S. Department of Justice have issued a stipulated order (SO) that includes a schedule of activities to ensure that the discharge will come into compliance with the CNMI Water Quality Standards. These activities include upgrades to plant infrastructure and operations. The actions by CUC to upgrade the plant infrastructure and operations within the time frame set by EPA are expected to result in an overall improvement of water quality in the vicinity of the outfalls.

Written comments should be submitted to DEQ within thirty (30) days of the date of publication of this notice. Please email comments to [cnmi.waterquality@gmail.com](mailto:cnmi.waterquality@gmail.com).



## COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS | OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM

JUAN A. SABLAN BUILDING | CALLER BOX 10007 | SAIPAN, MP 96950 | 670.664.2417 | [INFO@HM.GOV.MP](mailto:INFO@HM.GOV.MP)

### INVITATION FOR BID HOPE Recovery Center Typhoon Shutters Project ITB22-GOV-42200143

The Office of the Governor, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), through the Governor's Authorized Representative (collectively, "Commonwealth"), is soliciting sealed bids for the supply and installation of typhoon shutters at the HOPE Recovery Center in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The ITB package will be available electronically starting August 10, 2022 or the Office of the Governor, HMGP Office, Juan A. Sablan Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950 starting between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Government observed holidays.

All interested bidders must include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid package to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner, Pohnpei Way, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950. Bidding procedures shall fully comply with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001, and with the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIA) §70-30-3-725 Gratuities and Kickbacks and §70.30-3-730 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor, and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the CNMI.

There will be a virtual (Zoom) pre-bid meeting for this project on **August 24, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. ChST**. Questions or requests for clarification shall be submitted in writing to Ms. Leona Deleon Guerrero, Program Manager, via email at [ldlguerrero@omb.gov.mp](mailto:ldlguerrero@omb.gov.mp) no later than **August 31, 2022**. Responses to questions or clarification will be shared with all prospective bidders.

Sealed bids must be marked "ITB22-GOV-42200143 HOPE Recovery Center Typhoon Shutters Project". One original and three copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement Services, 1st Floor Horiguchi Building, Kopa Di Oru Street, Garapan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than 9:30 a.m. ChST September 7, 2022. Bidders outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days to receive their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement Services no later than **9:30 a.m. ChST September 7, 2022**, must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via email to [bidintent@dof.gov.mp](mailto:bidintent@dof.gov.mp). For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than September 7, 2022, and mailed to the Director of Procurement Services P.O. BOX 510008 CK, Saipan MP 96950 and the bid documents must be received no later than September 14, 2022. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be a cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement Services, 1st Floor Horiguchi Building, Kopa Di Oru Street, Garapan, Saipan, MP 96950, at **9:30 a.m. ChST, September 15, 2022**. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be open and read at **9:30 a.m. ChST, September 7, 2022**.

Bids higher than Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the proposal. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check, or other forms acceptable to the Government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety satisfactory to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the **CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the cheque: "Credit Account No. 44660"**. If a bid bond is submitted, it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00.

Before the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has the authority to issue a bond in the CNMI; and
- b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the Procurement Services Director, to substitute an acceptable bond before executing a contract. Acceptable assets are only 1) Cash, 2) U.S. Government Securities, 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on U.S. Security Exchange, 4) Real property owned in fee simple in the U.S.; and 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completing this project is 180 calendar days upon issuing a Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be \$100.00/day.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the CNMI.

The Government reserves the right to reject any proposals, in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a proposal if in the best interest of the CNMI. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

Patrick C. Guerrero  
Governor's Authorized Representative

Francisco C. Aguon, Acting Director  
CNMI Procurement Services



# CEC board to ask DOC to inspect armory where ballots will be stored

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Election Commission board agreed Monday to ask the Department of Corrections to allow an inspection of DOC's armory room where ballots for the Nov. 8 election will be stored.

All five CEC commissioners present during the board meeting at CEC's conference room in Susupe voted "yes" to a motion to request for an inspection of DOC's armory room.

CEC board chair Jesus I. Sablan said the specific date of the inspection will be set at their next board meeting.

CEC executive director Kayla S.

Igitol said yesterday that Sablan approved a request submitted to the board by the Committee-to-Elect Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios and Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang to allow their gubernatorial candidates to inspect DOC's armory room.

Igitol said CEC will now request DOC Commissioner Wally Villagomez to give access to the inspection.

She said it has not been determined whether Palacios and Apatang or their committee, or CEC commissioners and CEC staff will do the inspection.

During Monday's discussions about the inspection request, Igitol disclosed that she received the email request last July 25 from the Palacios'

committee-to-elect. Palacios and Apatang are running for governor and lieutenant governor, respectively, under a unified independent team.

Igitol said the committee's concern was about the closed-circuit television cameras at DOC as apparently DOC Commissioner Wally Villagomez mentioned during a budget hearing before the House of Representatives that their CCTVs were down.

"So their concern was the early voting ballot boxes that will be stored at DOC," she said.

A longer version of this story is available at [www.saipantribune.com](http://www.saipantribune.com)

## SUSPECT

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During an initial appearance hearing yesterday for Andrei Camacho, 18, Superior Court Associate Judge Wesley Bogdan opted not to entertain a verbal motion to modify bail for the defendant and, instead, maintained the court's previously imposed \$100,000 cash bail at the time of Camacho's arrest.

The verbal motion was made by Camacho's court-appointed lawyer, Emily Thomson of the Public Defender's Office. Bogdan ordered the defense to file a written motion for bail modification before the court would address it.

Following the hearing, the judge remanded Camacho back to the Department of Corrections' custody because he was not able to post the \$100,000 cash bail and ordered him to return to court on Aug. 24, for his preliminary hearing.

During the initial appearance hearing, Office of the Attorney General's Steve Kessel, who represents the government, informed Camacho and the court that over 10 different charges have been filed against the defendant, including homicide by vehicle, manslaughter, possession of a controlled substance, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, speeding, failure to drive on the right side of the highway, reckless driving, and more.

Kessel also noted that for homicide by vehicle and manslaughter alone, Camacho, who just turned 18 in June, faces a possible maximum sentence of 15 years in prison and over \$15,000 in fines.

The fatal car accident occurred in Marpi last Sunday, Aug. 14, and resulted in the death of a teenage male.

Camacho, who was allegedly the driver of the Toyota Tacoma that was involved in the accident, was allegedly driving at 100 mph prior to the accident. He allegedly ran away

on foot after running the vehicle off the road and landing it in a ditch. He turned himself in later that same day at around 4pm.

According to court documents, police responded to a reported auto-ran off crash incident in Marpi near Grotto at around 12:08am last Sunday.

At around 12:19am, officer Jasper Manacop arrived at the crash scene and met two male individuals who were later identified as occupants of the crash vehicle.

One of the occupants was complaining he had dislocated his shoulder in the crash, and the other was complaining of pain. While they were being checked out by medics, the occupants told Manacop that another passenger was trapped in the vehicle further up the street. The occupants identified Camacho as the operator of the crashed vehicle.

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## ATKINS

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deeper roots in the CNMI.

Alex Hammett, managing director of Developing Markets at Atkins Kroll, said, "For 55 years, AK Toyota has proudly served the CNMI community, and we are committed to investing in the future. Constructing a new dealership will allow us to expand our footprint to introduce Lexus into the market and better cater to our customers for years to come."

The new state-of-the-art Lexus dealership will reflect a new era of luxury and service for customers throughout the CNMI.

A major siting permit application was submitted on Aug. 9, 2022, to the CNMI's Division of Coastal Resource Management office to construct the facility, which will be built along Chalan Pale Arnold in Puerto Rico on land owned by Albert LG Camacho and his family, longstanding residents and business owners in Puerto Rico. Atkins Kroll will occupy a portion of the Camacho land, which was first developed in the 1960s. The lot is adjacent to the Camacho family's MH1 and MH2 buildings.

"Our family is pleased to have found a quality partner to develop on our land. [Atkins Kroll] has been in the CNMI for more than five decades, and our family confidently supports this project. We believe AK's expansion in the CNMI will be good for our people and the economy," said Albert LG Camacho. "The new dealership will be adjacent to our cousin Efrain Camacho's buildings—MH1 and MH2—and will positively contribute to the overall modernization of the area."

Atkins Kroll announced it will be investing \$18 million in the project. The new facility will be constructed with innovative features that will minimize noise and emission levels, incorporate energy-saving fixtures, and utilize the latest tools to improve employees' work experience.

Atkins Kroll's architects and engineers have completed all necessary environmental assessments to ensure that the dealership's design adheres to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requirements. Plans for the property include the removal of abandoned buildings on the lot, overall beautification of the area, planting of trees and landscaping, and improving visibility and security in the area.

"We believe our new headquarters will allow us to contribute to the future growth of the Marianas. Expanding our business will also open up more career paths and training opportunities for our team and allow us to offer more jobs," Hammett added. "AK is committed to the CNMI, and this investment is one way to show our commitment for the next 55 years."

Atkins Kroll is a distributor of vehicles in Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and Micronesia. It represents Toyota, Lexus, BMW, Chevrolet, Toyota Rent A Car, Avis, Budget and Payless Rental Brands, ACE Rent a Car, and AC Delco brands. In December 2021 Atkins Kroll acquired Morrico Equipment, one of Guam's largest heavy equipment dealerships representing Freightliner, Mercedes Benz, Hyundai Construction Equipment, Kohler Power Systems, Rosenbauer Fire Trucks, and Thomas Built School Buses. Morrico Equipment operates new and used heavy equipment sales, rental, parts, diesel fuel delivery, Trashco Guam, and specialized diesel repair service to Guam, the CNMI, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau. (PR)

# 387th COVID-19-related death reported in Guam; 109 new cases

The Joint Information Center in Guam was notified that Guam's 387th COVID-19-related fatality occurred at the Guam Regional Medical City on Aug. 12, 2022. The patient was an 89-year-old female, fully vaccinated without a booster, with underlying health conditions who tested positive on July 31.

"[First gentleman] Jeff [Cook], [Lt. Gov.] Josh [Tenorio], and I offer our prayers and heartfelt condolences to her loved ones during this difficult time," said Guam Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero. "This virus is still present within our community, and we must continue to treat it as such. We all know the basics—wearing your mask, washing

your hands, and watching our distance. We also call on everyone eligible to get vaccinated and stay up-to-date with your booster. Should you test positive for the virus, please check your health-care provider and avail of our COVID treatments to get you better faster."

Yesterday, the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services reported 109 new cases of COVID-19 from 1,072 specimens collected on Aug. 15, 2022. Fifteen of the new cases reported were through the Department of Defense. To date, there have been a total of 56,913 officially reported cases in Guam, 387 deaths, 658 cases in active isolation, and 55,868 not in active isolation. (PR)

## MAFNAS

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complaint is issued.

Last Monday, the parties involved in Mafnas' lawsuit stipulated—or agreed—that Mafnas' request for a preliminary injunction should be granted, which would preserve the status quo and prevent his reassignment to the Department of Commerce, which prompted the lawsuit in the first place.

Yesterday, District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona Manglona granted the stipulation filed by the parties, finding that a preliminary injunction is necessary to preserve the status quo.

Pursuant to the stipulation, Manglona restrained Atalig from putting into effect his July 21, 2022, memorandum that reassigns Mafnas to a position within the Department of Commerce.

Atalig was also ordered to maintain the status quo as it was before the pending controversy, with Mafnas employed as the director of Customs and Biosecurity under the Department of Finance until such time that this case is resolved on the merits or the case is otherwise concluded due to entry of judgment or settlement.

A longer version of this story is available at [www.saipantribune.com](http://www.saipantribune.com)

## \$10M

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help small businesses in the CNMI.

In response to a question during Friday's radio press briefing, Torres said that they have a portfolio of American Rescue Plan Act investments funds that are intended to enhance and stimulate the economy. That's where the "Building Optimism, Opportunities and Stability Together," or BOOST program, came about, he added.

BOOST is project of the Office of the Governor and the Department of Commerce that aims to provide loan assistance to CNMI businesses and non-profit organizations.

At the same press briefing Friday, Finance Secretary David DLG Atalig said they are expecting about 150 businesses to submit applications for the BOOST program within a period of four to six weeks.

Torres said the BOOST program will create and give opportunities for those that are currently in business or those that want to be in business and create something different from the tourism industry-related businesses in the CNMI.

"So this is...a shoutout to all our partners to make this a reality," said the governor, who encouraged everyone who's looking into business to come in and create a portfolio or a business plan.

"I hope that you get accepted and be successful business partners," Torres said.

Atalig said they've set aside \$10 million in their original ARPA spend-

ing plan to help small businesses and that they're utilizing the U.S. Small Business Administration's definition of a small business—those that have 300 or fewer employees and have not generated more than \$10 million in annual business receipts. "If you look at the whole Commonwealth, pretty much every business qualifies under that definition," Atalig said.

He said they have made the qualifications for the BOOST program applicable for small businesses. "This is just to give more opportunities to real smaller business companies in the Commonwealth," he said.

Atalig said the BOOST program is just in addition to the Department of Commerce receiving \$56 million to help small businesses.

He said the whole Friends of Business Summit last Wednesday identified a lot of other sources of opportunities for small businesses.

Atalig said the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority has a loan program too for small businesses.

"What we have is a lot of resources for entrepreneurs to start a business, as well as businesses to expand or get assistance to be successful," he said.

Atalig said the whole idea is to have a good return on investments and generate tax dollars in the community so when the ARPA funds are all used up, the CNMI will have a tax base that has already recovered and hopefully having pre-pandemic numbers in the Commonwealth.

He said the goal is make sure small businesses are successful and they help contribute to the tax-base for the Commonwealth.





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# Sablan-Staffler challenge Torres and Palacios teams to a debate

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Rep. Christina “Tina” Sablan and her running mate for lieutenant governor, Rep. Leila Fleming Staffler, are challenging their electoral opponents to a debate.

“The people of the Marianas deserve to hear all three gubernatorial teams debate the issues and our plans to address them,” said Sablan. “There’s so much at stake—from revitalizing our economy to investing in our healthcare system, fixing our schools and infrastructure, cleaning up our islands, helping small businesses, and tackling public corruption.”

The Sablan-Staffler duo is squaring off with the Republican party standard-bearer

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and his running-mate, Sen. Vinnie Sablan, and the unified independent tandem of Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios and his running-mate, Saipan Mayor



Sablan Staffler

David M. Apatang.

“Tina and I say to the Torres and Palacios teams: we are ready and willing to go to any venue and debate in any format. The important thing is that we give voters an opportunity to hear directly from

all the candidates in the same forum,” said Staffler.

Sablan and Staffler said their platform makes clear where they stand and what they will do if elected. “Our platform is our pledge to the people of the Commonwealth. Leila and I are ready and eager to hold both our platform and our records in public service up to scrutiny in a debate,” said Tina Sablan.

To learn more about Tina and Leila’s campaign and review their platform for good governance, visit [www.sablanstaffler.com](http://www.sablanstaffler.com). Organizations interested in hosting a gubernatorial debate may contact the campaign committee at [trustedleadership@sablanstaffler.com](mailto:trustedleadership@sablanstaffler.com). (PR)

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

**SNISWCD monthly meeting on Aug. 19**

The Saipan & Northern Islands Soil & Water Conservation District of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources has scheduled its regular monthly meeting on Friday, Aug. 19, 2022, at 10am, at the Office of the Governor’s conference room on the ground floor of the Juan A. Sablan Memorial Building, Capital Hill, Saipan. For more information, contact the SNISWCD office at (670) 233-3415 ext. 170. (PR)

**Free webinars on federal contracting**

The Guam Procurement Technical Assistance Center is offering free webinars this August. Webinars run from 10am to 11:30am and will be conducted via Zoom. Links to the live webinar and the webinar evaluation will be emailed to all registered attendees 15 minutes before the start of the webinar.

■ **Aug. 18, 2022 – Marketing to the Federal Government** - *The government buys products and services differently than the private sector. The Guam PTAC will discuss marketing strategies, essential documents, and how to get*

*your company noticed by government buyers.*

■ **Aug. 25, 2022 – Teaming & Joint Ventures** - *What are they and which is right for your business? The Guam PTAC will discuss the Federal regulations related to these arrangements and discuss ways to use these arrangements effectively.*

To register, visit <https://www.guamptac.com/news-and-events.php>. (PR)

**Emergency water service interruption in Chalan Kiya yesterday**

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. customers in the Chalan Kiya area experienced an emergency water service interruption yesterday, Aug. 16, 2022, starting at midnight due to the isolation of a leak identified at the pressure reducing valve that regulates the water pressure for the Chalan Kiya area. Water operators performed an emergency leak repair yesterday morning, with the repairs supposed to be done by 4pm yesterday. Water services to the affected area should have already resumed.

CUC continues to work diligently to minimize any inconvenience to its customers. For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (<https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/>). (PR)



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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Judiciary is seeking a highly motivated individual for the position of:

**DEPUTY MARSHAL I**  
Announcement # JVA22-033  
On the island of TINIAN

**DUTIES:** The successful candidate will work under the general supervision of the Chief Justice and under the direct supervision of the Chief Marshal of the Marshal Services Division on Saipan which involves the enforcement and execution of judicial orders and assigned law enforcement duties. The duties of this position include, but are not limited to the following:

- Perform general court security duties, including providing safety and security during judicial proceedings, maintaining order in the courtroom and during prisoner processing, providing protection from harm and personal injury to assigned justices, judges, court personnel, clients, jurors and witnesses;
- Provide protection from damage and vandalism to the court facilities, equipment, and other related resources;
- Assist with all necessary inspection and screening of persons and items entering the court facilities, restricting from entry those that are prohibited within the court premises;
- Provide physical and electronic security monitoring of all assigned areas under the control of the Marshals Service Division; Provide Protective Service Detail (PSD) personal security for all justices and judges on official business outside the court premises;
- Assist in transporting and escorting prisoners and other detainees who are awaiting court appearance. This includes transporting prisoners to and from the Department of Corrections (or from other locations as instructed) and the courthouse; to and from the courthouse holding cells and the courtrooms;
- Assist in protecting and transporting jurors and other court personnel during jury trial and deliberation;
- Assist with court bailiff functions, community policing, community supervision, compliance checks;
- Assist in the preparation of reports of service and no-service, including submission of daily activity and incident reports;
- Provide the general public with direction and general information on all judicial service locations with the courthouse;
- Provides assistance to superiors and other law enforcement personnel, particularly in operations, dispatching information;
- Prepares official reports with clarity and completeness on reports submitted to supervisors during the duty shift;
- Coordinates incoming requests for service at the Marshals Service Division and dispatch personnel in an efficient manner which will serve the public;
- Ensure proper handling and disposition of all in-custody prisoners/detainees; provide security, enforcement of established rules and regulations and others, which are provided herein. This critical task requires Deputies to escort prisoners/defendants to hearings as directed;
- Assists in all phases of law enforcement operations, including conducting investigations related criminal cases and or complaints of alleged violation of law, rules, and regulations filed with the Judiciary;
- Serves summons subpoenas and other official documents;
- Examines files and secures evidence and records as required;
- Serves warrants for arrests, searches, and seizures as necessary;
- Possess skills necessary for the use of and care of firearms, and performs and enforces the CNMI Weapons Control Act and Federal Firearms Regulations. Applicant is required to pass either a CNMI Law Enforcement or Federal Firearms Certification course and meet the criteria for annual firearms qualification to carry firearms under the Marshals Service Division Firearms Standard Operating Procedures;
- Must meet the physical fitness and agility requirements testing standards approved by the Chief Marshal or designee;
- Attends and successfully completes all training courses as directed by the Chief Marshal, including but not limited to, any law enforcement officers training courses offered through the Northern Marianas College, local law enforcement and Federal law enforcement agencies;
- Assists the other Deputy Marshals in their duties; and
- Perform other related duties as assigned.

**QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:** Candidate must a high school diploma or equivalent. Must also satisfy a minimum of two (2) years of experience in law enforcement; or one-year college level education in criminal justice or related field of study. Law Enforcement Academy Training Preferred, but not required.

Successful candidates must complete and pass law enforcement training, including firearms qualification, during the probationary period.

Military experience may be considered; successful candidates with only military background must complete additional law enforcement training during the probationary period.

Must have the ability to maintain and control sensitive and confidential information, maintain professional records, and uphold office policies. Candidate must provide current police and traffic clearances and proof of eligibility to work in the CNMI. Must have a valid drivers' license and operate a court vehicle. Criminal background check will be conducted. Applicants with criminal records will not be considered. Applicants given a conditional offer of employment with the CNMI Judiciary will be required to submit to urinalysis to screen for the illegal use of drugs prior to employment.<sup>1</sup>

**COMPENSATION AND TENURE:** This is position serves under the general supervision of the Chief Justice. The salary range will be \$20,000 - \$22,000 annually.

**INTERESTED PERSONS:** Application forms are available at the Judiciary Administrative Office at the Guma Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewe/House of Justice in Susupe, or at the Superior Court offices at Kotten Tinian on Tinian and Centron Hustisia in Rota during normal business hours except on weekends and holidays. Completed applications, cover letter, and three references should be submitted to:

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This job announcement will remain open until filled and can be seen and a printable copy of the application downloaded at <http://www.nmijudiciary.gov>

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The following organizations evaluate foreign educational credentials for employment and other purposes. All operate on a fee based on the extent of the education to be evaluated; applicants shall bear the cost of evaluation.  
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(c) Education Credential Evaluators, Inc. P.O. Box 17499 Milwaukee, WI 53217  
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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Judiciary is seeking a highly motivated individual for the position of:

**DEPUTY CLERK I**  
Announcement # JVA22-031  
Office of the Clerk of Court  
Superior Court  
SAIPAN

**DUTIES:** This position is under the general supervision of the Presiding Judge and the direct supervision of the Clerk of Court or his/her designee. The employee performs work in accordance with established policies, practices, and court procedures. The following are required duties:

- Receives, reviews, and records documents filed for hearings;
- Provides data entry of pleadings onto the court's case management system;
- Provides daily updates of pleadings and other caseload information for the assigned judge through the court's automated processes, including, but not limited to, the document imaging and online filing system;
- Assesses fines, receives and accounts for monies, issues receipts, prepares deposit slips and provides disbursements per court order or requests from customer service window;
- Prepares and maintains physical and electronic file folders for court cases, including tracking of all pleadings associated with individual cases files;
- Serves as a courtroom clerk when court hearings are in session, including, but not limited to, swearing in of witnesses, logging of all admitted exhibits, tracking all phases of a hearing on an index sheet for the recording counter, operating the electronic recording equipment, and providing continuous monitoring of the recording equipment to ensure the integrity of the record; and,
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

**QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:** Must have a high school diploma or equivalent;

Must have a minimum of three (3) years related work experience. There is a strong preference for those with work experience in the legal field or for those with a Bachelor's Degree.

Must have the ability to maintain and control sensitive and confidential information, maintain professional records, and uphold office policies. Must be proficient with Microsoft Word and Excel.

Candidate must provide current police and traffic clearances and proof of eligibility to work in the CNMI. Must have a valid drivers' license and operate a court vehicle. Applicants given a conditional offer of employment with the CNMI Judiciary will be required to submit to urinalysis to screen for the illegal use of drugs prior to employment. "Illegal drug" means a substance whose use or possession is controlled by federal law but that is not being used or possessed under the supervision of a licensed health care professional. (Controlled substances are listed in Schedules I-V of 21 C.F.R. Part 1308.)

Education completed in foreign colleges or universities may be used to meet the job qualification requirements if the applicant can show that foreign education is comparable to education received in accredited educational institutions in the United States.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide such evidence when applying for Judiciary jobs. Education received in foreign colleges or universities will be considered if the candidate submits an evaluation of the coursework from: (a) an accredited U.S. college or university; or (b) a private professional organization specializing in interpretation of foreign educational credentials.<sup>1</sup>

**COMPENSATION AND TENURE:** This position serves under the general supervision of the Presiding Judge. The salary range will be \$20,485 - \$23,625 annually.

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## NMPASI

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### JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

**POSITION:** PROJECTS SPECIALIST  
**PAY-LEVEL:** P.L. 24 / STEP 1-10  
 \$30,529 - \$47,361  
**REPORTS TO:** PROGRAM MANAGER

#### GENERAL JOB DESCRIPTION:

This is a non-exempt position responsible for non-legal advocacy on behalf of clients with disabilities including but not limited to clients from the neighboring islands of Tinian and Rota. Furthermore, the Projects Specialist should participate in general outreach activities to the community and conduct presentations on specific topics relating to the needs of individuals with disabilities. The Projects Specialist reports to the Program Manager and works within prescribed NMPASI standards, policies and procedures with some latitude for independent action.

#### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- ✓ Associates Degree (A.A. or A.S.) in any related field or no less than 60 credit hours from a post-secondary school;
- ✓ Two (2) years of experience that demonstrates a thorough understanding of the principles and practices of the work in protection and advocacy systems or other related fields; and
- ✓ Two (2) years of experience that demonstrates ability in public speaking and evidences a history of making public presentations.

#### HOW TO APPLY:

Interested applicants may pick up a complete job description and application forms at the NMPASI office located on middle road approximately 100 yards north of the Gualo Rai traffic light intersection or may be sent via email by contacting [etilipao@nmpasi.org](mailto:etilipao@nmpasi.org). Completed application packets must be submitted to the NMPASI Executive Director. In order for applications to be considered they must include (1) a Cover Letter, (2) a Resumé, (3) Completed Application forms. Incomplete applications and/or applications which do not demonstrate that the applicant meets minimum qualifications as listed above or do not meet the deadline for submittal will not be considered. For further information, please feel free to contact Mr. Gregory Borja at (670) 235-7273/4 [voice] / (670) 287-0652 [message] or email at [gborja@nmpasi.org](mailto:gborja@nmpasi.org). NMPASI is an EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

**Deadline to submit applications will be on August 26, 2022 at 4pm**



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### JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

**POSITION:** INTAKE SPECIALIST  
**OPENINGS:** Part-Time (40 hrs./bi-weekly), One (1) year contract  
**PAY-LEVEL:** One (1) on Tinian and one (1) on Rota  
 P.L. 22 / STEP 1-10  
 \$ 15,000  
**REPORTS TO:** PROGRAM COORDINATOR

#### GENERAL JOB DESCRIPTION:

This is a non-exempt position responsible for the day-to-day administrative functions of the office and its programs. The Intake Specialist reports to the Program Coordinator and works within prescribed NMPASI standards, policies and procedures.

#### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- ✓ Associate Degree or 60 college credits;
- ✓ Must be proficient in computer usage including but not limited to word processing and spreadsheet applications;
- ✓ Must possess a valid CNMI driver's license; and
- ✓ Must be able to operate various office equipment including but not limited to telephones, faxes, and copier machines.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality's Division of Coastal Resources Management (BECQ-DCRM) will be hosting a course on the LEED® (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) Green Associate (GA) Training on August 24, 2022 at the DCRM Training Center (3rd Floor) from 12pm-6pm.

The training shall consist of classroom lectures to help develop skills necessary to understand the role of LEED® and how it is applied to reduce the footprint of the built environment, and used as a sustainability scorecard for green buildings. The training will provide in-class instruction involving LEED® overview and detailed exam preparation including tips for exam registration.

The Head LEED® Trainer at LeadingGreen, Lorne Mlotek BASc., LEED AP BD+C, O+M, will be conducting the course for public/private sector and other interested individuals. LeadingGreen Training and Consulting is based out of Toronto, Canada, and is the leading education and service provider in the sustainable design and construction industry.

Participation in this training will greatly enhance local capacity knowledge in LEED® and be able to identify qualifying "green" and/or "low-impact development practices and techniques" that meet LEED® certifiable v4 building designs and construction practices in the CNMI. The LEED® Green Associate is the best professional designation to show employers and clients that you have certified knowledge in the field.

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There will be a registration fee associated with the course, which is \$300.00.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Robert Deleon Guerrero by phone at (670) 664-8318, or email at [planning@dcrm.gov.mp](mailto:planning@dcrm.gov.mp). Interested individuals can also contact the instructor, Lorne Mlotek, BASc., LEED AP BD+C, O+M, at [Info@leadinggreen.com](mailto:Info@leadinggreen.com).

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## EDITORIAL

### Trump's antics made us so numb, we learned to ignore almost anything. But not this time

**T**his is different. We've become so numb, so accustomed to the sliding scale of right and wrong practiced by Donald Trump that it can be hard to see where the line is anymore.

But the news coming out of Mar-a-Lago after the FBI search is appalling. Our ex-president, according to the documents released Friday, is being investigated for potentially violating the Espionage Act. And obstruction of justice. And removing government records. There are reports these may be documents relating to nuclear weapons.

That's next level stuff, even for Trump.

We don't know if he did those things. We don't know if, in fact, a disgruntled ex-president carted home to his gilded palace in Palm Beach boxes and boxes of documents that could put us all in danger, as a country, documents that belonged to the people and he had no right to take. We don't know that yet. Our system, the one he has done his best to overturn, says he is innocent until proven guilty. It's the rule of law and it's why we have presidents instead of kings.

But this moment is a test. Our institutions held during Watergate. They held on Jan. 6. Will they hold again? How did our government become so hollowed out in four years of Trump that the former president could be facing a charge of actual espionage?

What we know so far looks bad. The FBI removed 11 sets of documents that were marked "classified." One box was labeled as "various classified/TS/SCI documents"—which stands for "top secret" or "sensitive compartmented information." As the Miami Herald noted, the TS/SCI designation means the information is supposed to be handled by a small set of people currently in government service, working in highly secure settings.

We also know that the National Archives already had to retrieve 15 boxes of documents from the former president earlier this year. This is not an isolated thing.

He will, of course, shrug it off. Again. He's already at it, claiming the FBI could have gotten the records all along. He's saying he declassified the documents himself. That's convenient—and another example of that sliding scale of justice he applies as needed.

This week alone he cited the 5th Amendment right against self incrimination more than 440 times during a deposition in a New York probe into the Trump Organization's business practices. In 2016, at an Iowa campaign rally, he said: "The mob takes the Fifth. If you're innocent, why are you taking the Fifth?"

But there are laws, and presumably—though we may no longer be able to take this for granted—an ex-president is bound by them. The 1978 Presidential Records Act requires that presidents turn over documents to the National

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### Trump is dangerously close to proving that presidents are above the law

**H**ow many times have you heard it? "No one is above the law." Yet that aphorism of American democracy has been a myth when it comes to presidents.

Fortunately, few presidents have shown such a penchant for criminality as Donald Trump. And none have done so to a more heinous end: threatening our very system of government. To stay in office, he worked to overturn a historically free and fair election and to prevent the peaceful transfer of power. Even in failing, Trump undermined democracy; many millions of Americans, Republicans, wrongly believe President Joe Biden stole the 2020 election.

The Justice Department under Attorney General Merrick Garland should take all the time it needs to build a case against Trump for his central role in the insurrection of Jan. 6, 2021, one that is strong enough to persuade a unanimous jury beyond a reasonable doubt—and thus ensure, as Rep. Liz Cheney says, that Trump never gets "anywhere near the Oval Office ever again."

But unless Justice does charge and prosecute the unrepentant former president, the truth will be clear: One man is above the law.

Garland has repeatedly insisted otherwise, without naming Trump. His exasperation was evident recently when, after his latest reassurance that the law reaches all Americans, a reporter challenged him, "Even a former president?"

"I don't know how to—maybe I'll say that again," came the reply. "No person is above the law in this country. I can't say it more clearly than that."

Days later, NBC anchor Lester Holt came at Garland again but asked whether Garland worried that "the indictment of a former president, and perhaps a candidate for president, would arguably tear the country apart." The attorney general didn't buckle:

"We pursue justice without fear or favor. We intend to hold everyone, anyone, who was criminally responsible for events surrounding Jan. 6, for any attempt to interfere with the lawful transfer of power from one administration to another, accountable."

Prove it.

Presidents current and former inarguably enjoy a higher bar to prosecution, and not without reason: the national interest.

For sitting presidents, the Justice Department has held since Richard Nixon's time that criminally indicting an incumbent "would impermissibly undermine the capacity of the executive branch to perform its constitutionally assigned functions." Thus, special counsel Robert S. Mueller III didn't indict Trump in 2019 despite detailing 10 damning instances suggesting he'd obstructed justice in the investigation of Russia's interference in the 2016 election.

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For former presidents there aren't constitutional restraints to prosecution, but there are practical, political red flags, especially for Trump.

Inevitably many Americans—a minority, various polls suggest, but a significant one—will see any Justice Department prosecution of Trump as partisan, especially when the government is headed by the opposite party and by the man who was Trump's once and perhaps future political rival. Failure to convict could elevate Trump politically, just as he was emboldened after Senate Republicans prevented his conviction in two impeachments. And trying Trump could spark rounds of revenge prosecutions as the parties swap power over time.

Yet the ramifications of not putting Trump in the dock—and, ideally, in an orange jumpsuit—would be even worse. On that, I'm with the two renegade Republicans on the House's Jan. 6 committee.

Cheney recently warned that letting a president get away with treasonous activities is a "much graver constitutional threat" than prosecuting him. On July 25, Rep. Adam Kinzinger said: "If we just wash this under the rug ... there is going to be somebody else, whether it's Donald Trump in 2024 or somebody else somewhere down the line, that recognizes that was the floor of their behavior, and pushes even more. And we can't survive that."

After all the chants of Trump's MAGAs to "Lock 'er up" and "Hang Mike Pence," the karmic prospect that it would be Trump who's actually threatened with jail time, with the rope to figuratively hang him unspooled by testimony from his own inner circle, is especially satisfying.

Seriously, though, the evidence we're aware of—you know there's more—argues for charges of fraud, seditious conspiracy, conspiracy to obstruct a government proceeding (Congress' Jan. 6 session to certify Biden's victory) or all of the above.

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# Kabul's fall was a debacle, but long-term impact hasn't been as catastrophic as feared

**W**ASHINGTON—One year ago, as President Joe Biden was withdrawing the last American troops from Afghanistan, the Taliban swept into Kabul and abruptly brought a 20-year, \$2.3 trillion U.S. war to an ignominious end.

It was Biden's worst foreign policy failure, and prompted warnings that more catastrophes would follow: not only the tragedy of Taliban rule over 38 million Afghans, but a resurgence of international terrorism and a collapse of U.S. influence around the world.

"It is hard to overstate the damage to U.S. credibility wreaked by this fiasco," wrote Kori Schake of the conservative American Enterprise Institute. "The disastrous withdrawal will make it harder for Washington to put together [international] coalitions in the future."

"Biden broke NATO," the Wall Street Journal editorial page pronounced.

"The terrorism risk to the United States is going to get dramatically worse," predicted Nathan Sales, the State Department's counter-terrorism chief under President Donald Trump.

Most of those worst-case forecasts haven't come true.

Yes, Taliban rule in Afghanistan has been violent, repressive and chaotic—an economic and human catastrophe for Afghans, especially women. That isn't a surprise.

Beyond the country's borders, though, the consequences of America's failure have been more limited.

Terrorism? Contrary to pessimists' fears, the Afghan-based core of al-Qaida hasn't succeeded in rebuilding.

A U.S. drone strike killed al-Qaida leader Ayman Zawahiri on his Kabul balcony last month. That served as proof that the Taliban—or at least one faction, the Haqqani clan—was harboring the group. But it also showed that the United States can conduct counterterrorism operations in Afghanistan despite having far fewer intelligence assets on the ground.

Al-Qaida has loomed large to Americans since its Sept. 11, 2001, attack on New York and the Pentagon. But the group

hasn't pulled off a major transnational plot since July 2005, when it detonated four suicide bombs in London's transit system. In 2020, a Saudi Air Force cadet influenced by al-Qaida killed three American sailors in Florida, but it isn't clear whether the organization directed the attack.

"Al-Qaida still has grand aspirations, but its core is actually very weak," Daniel L. Byman, a terrorism scholar at Georgetown University, told me recently.

The organization can't be counted out forever, he warned, and might be able to launch major attacks again someday. But they're not at that stage yet.

As for broader damage to U.S. credibility, reports of our demise appear to have been exaggerated.

Amid the chaos in Kabul last year, Biden defended his withdrawal from Afghanistan as a way to extricate the United States from a war it had long been losing and concentrate on bigger problems: China and Russia.

"My dad used to have an expression: If everything is equally important to you, nothing is important to you," the president said then. "We should be focusing on where the threat is the greatest."

To Biden's credit, he followed through, building international coalitions to counter China's growing power (the oddly named AUKUS military alliance with Britain and Australia and the ostensibly nonmilitary Quad with Japan, India and Australia), and so expansively assuring Taiwan that the United States would come to its aid that State Department officials tried to tone down his remarks.

He also worked to assure NATO allies that the withdrawal from Afghanistan, where more than 50 other countries also sent troops, would not weaken the U.S. commitment to Europe.

Those relationships were tested within months, when Russia's Vladimir Putin threatened to invade Ukraine. Biden and his aides took a leading role in organizing an allied response, including warnings that Western countries would impose joint economic sanctions on Russia if Putin launched an invasion.

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To Putin's apparent surprise, the NATO allies were serious.

Even more surprisingly, the outbreak of war in Eastern Europe prompted Sweden and Finland to abandon their long-held status as neutral countries and apply hurriedly for membership in the U.S.-led alliance.

If Biden's decision to withdraw from Afghanistan "broke NATO," the organization didn't stay broken for long.

None of those well-executed foreign policy decisions erases the failure of the long U.S. effort in Afghanistan or the short-term debacle of its final days. None spares Afghans from the consequences of the country's economic collapse or protect the country's women from repression.

Nor do they diminish the violence and instability created by regional terrorism, including in Pakistan, Afghanistan's nuclear-armed neighbor, where the Taliban victory appears to have emboldened homegrown extremists.

But those effects, lamentable though they be, are local, not global.

In that sense, the fall of Kabul in 2021 looks broadly similar to the fall of Saigon in 1975: a stinging defeat for the United States, but one whose consequences beyond the immediate region have been surprisingly modest.

And a year later, Biden's decision to withdraw, however disastrous appeared at the time, looks more defensible.

## Politicians have failed to deal with gun violence. Give medical officials a chance

**T**he past three months have seen mass shootings of schoolchildren in Uvalde, Texas, and July Fourth celebrants in Highland Park, Illinois. Cries for greater gun control to stop such avoidable, premature deaths grow after each event. President Joe Biden recently signed a gun control measure into law, but overall, little substantive change has occurred and is unlikely to occur anytime soon.

Politicians have had their chance. Let someone else take the wheel—namely, the medical community.

I'm a data scientist, and data informs much of my thinking and decisions. A few years ago, I studied trends in mass killings in the United States and found them to be remarkably steady, around 30 events per year, defined as four or more people killed unrelated to the assailant. They also follow a pattern that makes them difficult to predict.

Mass shootings occur at a much higher rate, around 50 per month, defined as four or more people injured or killed. This is what the news media typically reports every time there is a mass killing, convoluting the two categories, which creates confusion and unnecessary angst.

Putting aside the visceral reactions to mass killings, what does the data reveal about avoidable, premature firearm-related deaths in general?

Suicides represented more than a half of all firearm-related deaths in 2021, whereas in the same year, mass shootings accounted for 691 deaths, or less than 2% of all firearm-related deaths, according to the Gun Violence Archive.

If legislation is needed to reduce firearm deaths, the low-hanging fruit is suicide reduction.

By comparison, what about other causes of avoidable, premature deaths?

Drug overdoses caused more than 90,000 deaths in 2021, with 75% of them opioid-related. Almost 43,000 people died in automobile accidents in 2021.

The challenge that comes with these causes of death is that a constitutional right isn't involved in either of them. In contrast, the Second Amendment, ratified more than 230 years ago, gives people the right to bear arms. However, even those who hang onto the Second Amendment as their thread to preserve unfettered access to firearms would argue that its role is to allow for egregious acts.

So what is a reasonable path forward to reduce gun violence?

Data can be used to assess associations and relationships between factors, but it is far more difficult to conduct the experiments that are typically needed to assess causality. That is why no single policy for reducing gun violence can yield substantive and measurable results.

One positive development is that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is now able to study gun violence after a 25-year ban instituted by politicians dating to 1996. Such a ban is symptomatic of the inability or lack of will of politicians to collectively address the issue. Results from many such studies over the next decade will be useful for identifying possible effective interventions.

The reality of the world we live in must also be considered. Removing the nearly 400 million guns from U.S. society is a pipe dream. Restrictions on assault-like weapons sound reasonable, but with politicians receiving significant funds from gun

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lobbies, it is unlikely that effective legislation can pass the House and Senate anytime soon.

Given all these conflicts of interest, politicians are the least qualified people to effect change toward reducing gun violence. Anyone who has been an obstructionist by not facilitating research and constructive dialogue is part of the problem.

What is abundantly clear is that gun violence reduction cannot be achieved politically. It must be viewed as a public health and medical issue and resolved by organizations such as the American Public Health Association and the American Medical Association, which represent the interests of physicians who treat the people afflicted by gun violence. Politicians should then be required to enact the resulting recommendations into laws.

One way to solve a problem is to look at the endpoint and work backward. The endpoint is reducing gun violence, which means reducing avoidable, premature deaths caused by firearms.

Politicians have demonstrated their impotence to make any headway. Let the people who deal with the carnage of gun violence define the necessary laws and policies, and results are more likely to be achieved.

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Archives at the end of their administration. And another act, one he signed into law, increased the possible penalty for "unauthorized removal and retention of classified documents or material" from one year to five years in prison. And that's not even considering the penalties for violation of the Espionage Act or the other felonies that could fall under the laws cited in the search warrant documents.

Donald Trump prepared us well for this moment, moving the goal post of decency, outrageous moment by outrageous moment, until we reached Jan. 6. The numbness is no accident. But it's time for us all to pay attention.

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From election night on, Trump has insisted he was defrauded of reelection, even though top advisers told him otherwise. He pressured Justice Department officials to confirm such fraud despite their denials of it—"Just say the election was corrupt and leave the rest to me and the Republican congressmen," he said.

He urged Republican officeholders in states Biden won to back bogus pro-Trump slates to the Electoral College. He summoned his MAGA army to Washington for Congress' Jan. 6 session and then, knowing some supporters were armed, urged them to march

on the Capitol. For three hours he did nothing to stop the rampage; instead he called Republican senators to goad them to keep trying to block Biden's election certification.

In 1974, like most Americans, I opposed President Gerald Ford's pardon of Nixon for his Watergate actions and other crimes in office. A quarter-century later, however, I approved when the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation gave its "Profile in Courage" award to Ford for his unpopular act to help a divided nation put the scandal behind it.

But now I've come full circle: Had Nixon been prosecuted for his crimes, we wouldn't be without a precedent for trying Trump.

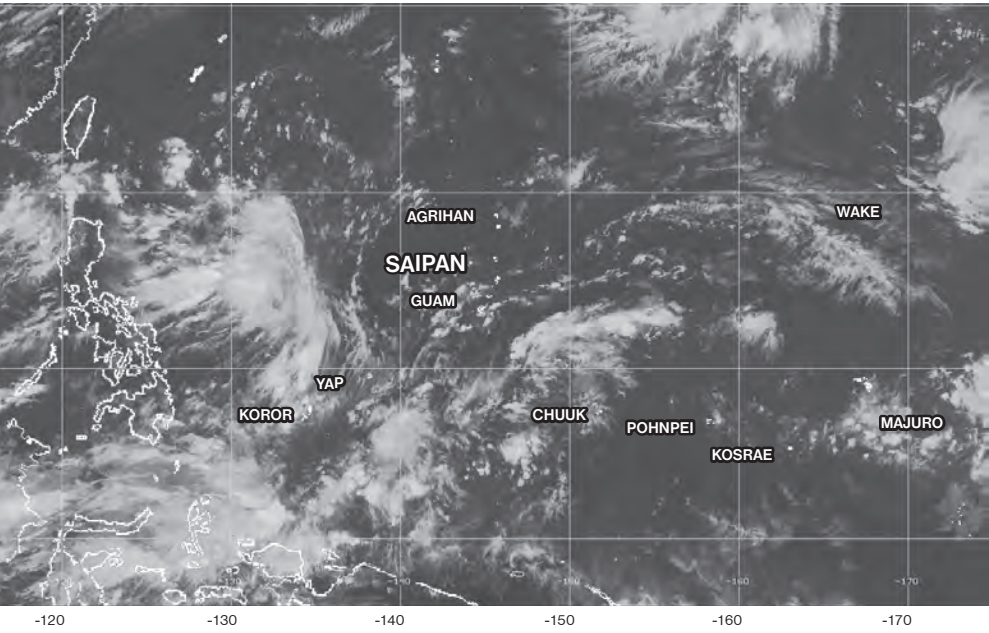
Instead we'd have proof that, indeed, no man is above the law.



# The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN									
TODAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy		Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny		Partly sunny		A chance of showers. Partly sunny		Partly sunny	
88°	78°	88°	77°	88°	77°	88°	78°	88°	78°

## YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 9:11 AM, TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2022

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Guam Doppler weather radar shows isolated showers moving through the Marianas Waters. Satellite shows a weak tropical disturbance to the east-southeast, north of Chuuk and Pohnpei. The buoys reveal combined seas of 3 to 5 feet, composed mainly of east trade-wind swell.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

## STOP THE SPREAD

**T**he Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

- Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.
- Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.
- Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.
- Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.
- Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.
- Create a household plan of action, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html>
- Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

### Continue good hand hygiene

- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

### Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

- Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:
  - Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.
  - Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

onds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at [www.chcc.gov.mp](http://www.chcc.gov.mp) or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit [www.governor.gov.mp](http://www.governor.gov.mp) and follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at <http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html> and at [www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19](http://www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19).

### Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

*Source: Office of the Governor*

MICRONESIA			▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	84° / 78°	
Palau	Thunderstorms	81° / 75°	
Yap	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°	
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	88° / 79°	
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	86° / 76°	
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°	
Majuro	Thunderstorms	84° / 80°	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:02 AM	6:39 PM
Thursday	6:02 AM	6:38 PM
Friday	6:02 AM	6:38 PM
Saturday	6:03 AM	6:37 PM
Sunday	6:03 AM	6:37 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	10:35 AM	10:34 PM
Thursday	-	11:27 AM	11:13 PM
Friday	-	12:19 PM	11:55 PM
Saturday	-	1:11 PM	-
Sunday	12:39 AM	2:04 PM	-

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Rain/Wind	61° / 59°	
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	90° / 74°	
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	87° / 80°	
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	87° / 75°	
London	Rain	72° / 60°	
Los Angeles	Sunny	88° / 66°	
Manila	Thunderstorms	89° / 78°	
Melbourne	Showers	59° / 54°	
Miami	Thunderstorms	89° / 79°	
New York	Partly Cloudy	83° / 67°	
Osaka	Thunderstorms	87° / 78°	
Paris	Thunderstorms	75° / 63°	
Busan	Thunderstorms	80° / 74°	
Rome	Mostly Sunny	95° / 77°	
Salem	Partly Cloudy	91° / 70°	
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	75° / 56°	
Seoul	Thunderstorms	88° / 70°	
Tokyo	Thunderstorms	88° / 76°	
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	83° / 64°	

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
5:50 AM	Low Tide	0.68	
11:32 AM	High Tide	1.74	
5:43 PM	Low Tide	0.77	
11:43 PM	High Tide	1.94	

## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 1, 2022

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
<b>SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)</b>				<b>GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN</b>			
UA117	9:50AM	10:30AM	Daily	UA174	8:00AM	8:45AM	Daily
UA156	6:30PM	7:15PM	6	UA112	4:40PM	5:30PM	6
<b>GUAM-MANILA (MNL)</b>				<b>MANILA (MNL)-GUAM</b>			
PR 111	6:00AM	8:00AM	Daily	PR110	10:00PM	4:00AM+1	Daily
UA193	7:05PM	10:55PM	5 via Palau	UA184	10:25PM	4:25AM+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA183	7:10PM	9:10PM	Daily	UA192	10:25PM	6:15AM+1	5 via Palau
				UA184	11:50PM	5:40AM+1	5
<b>SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)</b>				<b>MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN</b>			
UA117/183	9:50AM	9:10PM	Daily via Guam	UA184/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	1,2,3, 4, 6, 7 via Guam
UA117/193	9:50AM	10:55PM	5 via Guam, Palau	UA192/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Palau, Guam
				UA184/174	11:50PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Guam
<b>SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)</b>				<b>INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN</b>			
TW9308	3:30PM	7:20PM	Daily	7C3406	8:30AM	2:10PM	6
7C3405	3:30PM	7:25PM	6	7C3406	8:50AM	2:50PM	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
7C3405	3:50PM	7:45PM	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7	OZ623	9:00AM	2:30PM	3, 6
OZ624	4:00PM	7:40PM	3, 6	TW9307	9:15AM	2:30PM	Daily
<b>SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)</b>				<b>BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN</b>			
7C3451	3:00PM	6:20PM	3, 7	7C3452	9:00AM	2:00PM	3, 7
BX621	3:10PM	6:30PM	3, 7	BX622	8:00AM	1:10PM	3, 7

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SAIPAN TO ROTA						SAIPAN TO TINIAN					
FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1301	SAIPAN	ROTA	8:30	9:00	Daily	1202	SAIPAN	TINIAN	8:00	8:15	Daily
1302	SAIPAN	ROTA	11:00	11:30	Mon/Wed/Fri	1203	SAIPAN	TINIAN	9:00	9:15	Daily
1302	SAIPAN	ROTA	12:00	12:30	Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun	1204	SAIPAN	TINIAN	10:00	10:15	Daily
1303	SAIPAN	ROTA	15:30	16:00	Daily	1208	SAIPAN	TINIAN	14:00	14:15	Daily
ROTA TO SAIPAN						1209	SAIPAN	TINIAN	15:00	15:15	Daily
FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	1210 <td>SAIPAN</td> <td>TINIAN</td> <td>16:00</td> <td>16:15</td> <td>Daily</td>	SAIPAN	TINIAN	16:00	16:15	Daily
3101	ROTA	SAIPAN	9:30	10:00	Daily	1211	SAIPAN	TINIAN	17:00	17:15	Daily
3102	ROTA	SAIPAN	13:00	13:30	Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun	TINIAN TO SAIPAN					
3102	ROTA	SAIPAN	14:00	14:30	Mon/Wed/Fri	FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3103	ROTA	SAIPAN	16:30	17:00	Daily	2102	TINIAN	SAIPAN	8:30	8:45	Daily
ROTA TO GUAM						2103	TINIAN	SAIPAN	9:30	9:45	Daily
LIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	2104	TINIAN	SAIPAN	10:30	10:45	Daily
3401	ROTA	GUAM	12:00	12:30	Mon/Wed/Fri	2108	TINIAN	SAIPAN	14:30	14:45	Daily
GUAM TO ROTA						2109	TINIAN	SAIPAN	15:30	15:45	Daily
FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	2110	TINIAN	SAIPAN	16:30	16:45	Daily
4301	GUAM	ROTA	13:00	13:30	Mon/Wed/Fri	2111	TINIAN	SAIPAN	17:30	17:45	Daily

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# GRMC is rated as 'high performing' hospital for stroke care

Guam Regional Medical City recently received certification from The Joint Commission as an "Advanced Primary Stroke Center." GRMC was also selected by U.S. News and World Report as one of the nation's "High Performing" hospitals for stroke care as part of the U.S. News and World Report 2022-2023 Best Hospitals Procedures and Conditions Ratings.

According to their website, "U.S. News Best Hospitals ranks hospitals in the U.S. in 15 adult specialties as well as recognized hospitals by state, metro, and regional areas for their work in 20 more widely performed procedures and conditions." One such condition is stroke, and GRMC is ranked in the top category of "High Performing" among more than 4,400 hospitals nationwide that were evaluated. Hospitals that treat enough patients to be evaluated are rated one of three ways for each procedure or condition: high performing, average, or below average.

U.S. News Best Hospitals states that "sources of data for the ratings include Medicare administrative claims, Medicare Care Compare, the American Hospital Association annual survey, publicly available data from clinical registries, and external designations. The ratings reflect

## SCS Open House on Thursday

Saipan Community School is hosting its annual Open House and Parent Orientation Night on Aug. 18, starting at 6pm. Parents and students are encouraged to attend as well as members of the community interested in learning more about our school.

The open house will include a brief introduction to the SCS teachers, staff, and administration. Students and parents should meet in the church at 6pm for a general assembly before proceeding to individual classrooms. Teachers will be available in their classrooms to discuss goals for the school year, curriculum, and co-curricular activities, as well as upcoming athletic events.

Saipan Community School is a private Christian school that was initially established in 1976 as the first Protestant school on the island. SCS offers a U.S. curriculum taught in English.

If you are interested in learning more about Saipan Community School and/or the learning opportunities we offer from kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade contact principal Amanda Dunn via email: [principal@saipancommunityschool.com](mailto:principal@saipancommunityschool.com), call our offices at (670) 234-6687 or visit us on Beach Road in Susupe. (PR)



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care received by patients who are age 65 and older since they tend to have higher incidence and severity of comorbidities upon admission and illnesses that are more advanced than those of younger patients. The ratings use evaluation criteria that reflect a relationship between a hospital's program

structure, operational process, and patient outcomes."

"GRMC's stroke program success is built upon two main aspects of care including the 1) emergency aspect and 2) multidisciplinary aspect," said Elisabeth Collins (DNP, APRN-NP), stroke program coordinator. "The emergency

aspect, commonly referred to as 'code stroke,' involves im-

mediate medicine interventions such as thrombolytics and/or surgical interventions such as a thrombectomy or neurosurgery. The multidisciplinary aspect is the care after the patient is stabilized and involves diverse care teams including nursing, emergency department, radiology, laboratory, pharmacy, neuroscience, operating room (particularly the Cath Lab), speech therapy, nutrition, social work, and patient education to name just a few."

Dr. Justin Hale, a neurologist and sleep specialist, as well as GRMC's stroke program medical director, said that "a big part of the reason that GRMC earned the prestigious recognitions from The Joint Commission and U.S. News and World Report is that we are committed to qual-

ity improvement and management processes, tracking care data and reporting it to national databases, and constantly evaluating patient outcomes to ensure the best quality care is provided at our hospital."

"I am overwhelmed with pride," said Alan Funtanilla, president and CEO. "I could not be prouder of our entire hospital team and the quality care that we provide, which are the ultimate reasons for these prominent awards from The Joint Commission and U.S. News and World Report."

For more information about the U.S. News and World Report 2022-2023 Best Hospitals Procedures and Conditions Ratings for Stroke, visit the website at <https://health.usnews.com/best-hospitals/hospital-ratings/stroke>. (GRMC)



## Commonwealth Judiciary Administrative Office

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Judiciary is seeking a highly motivated individual for the position of:

### COMMUNITY SUPERVISION WORKER

Announcement #JVA22-030

SAIPAN

**DUTIES:** The successful candidate will work under the general supervision of the Presiding Judge of the Commonwealth Superior Court and under the direct supervision of the designated Mental Health Docket Manager. The candidate is responsible to plan, manage, administer, coordinate, and implement operations and activities of specific programs within the Mental Health Court Division. The incumbent in this position is required to perform the following duties and responsibilities:

Ensures random drug testing and community supervision practices are in accordance with Mental Health Court policies and procedure such as collecting specimens as ordered by the court for urine analysis or breathalyzer screening to detect the use of alcohol and/or other drugs;

- Interviews, screens, and assesses participants as required to determine an appropriate level of supervision, develop appropriate strategies for supervision, and all other assigned duties relating to cases scheduled for Mental Health Court hearings;
- Coordinates criminal background checks for Mental Health Court participants;
- Monitors the Mental Health Court participants, develop supervision plans for participants, and make appropriate referrals to address the risks and needs of the participants;
- Gathers and evaluates data pertinent to individual cases from resource areas like the participants' home, school, church, social agencies, neighborhood contacts, etc.
- Makes appropriate chronological entries and completes written reports, including but not limited to violation reports, amendments, and evaluations for early release in a timely manner maintaining accurate and up-to-date case records in the prescribed form;
- Reports investigative findings and prepares recommendations for the proper case disposition;
- Appears at Mental Health Court hearings with the ability to provide testimony on Mental Health Court cases;
- Provides periodic interviews of participants to determine effectiveness of Mental Health Court mandates, supervision, counseling, etc.
- Maintains ongoing relationships with participants throughout the duration of the program;
- Follows policies for monitoring court-ordered payments, such as restitution, fines, and child support payments;
- Plans office activities, conferences, and field visits in connection with investigation and supervision functions;
- Perform random checks at participant's residents, place of employment, and daily living areas for people or items that may violate a participants' agreement with the Court. This duty must be done with a designated law enforcement officer and shall not be done alone;
- Attends public relations activities such as community group meetings, conferences, panel discussions, and other related forums;
- Responsible for and conducts gender-specific drug testing in accordance with the CNMI Mental Health Court protocols;
- Assesses and reviews supervision and drug testing protocols and terms and conditions of supervision regularly to ensure they are still effective for the target populations;
- Complies with applicable local and federal laws, court rules and policies; and
- Performs other duties as assigned.

**QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:** The Community Supervision Worker must have a high school diploma or equivalent and satisfy one of the following: (1) Associate's Degree from a nationally accredited college or university in Criminal Justice or a related field, plus at least two years experience as a law enforcement officer; OR (2) four years experiences as a law enforcement officer. Military experience is preferred but not required.

Successful candidates shall complete and pass law enforcement training and firearms certification/qualification when requested by the Mental Health Court Manager. Failure to pass will result in termination of employment.

Must be able to exercise good judgment in stressful situations. Must have the ability to maintain and control sensitive and confidential information, maintain records professionally, and uphold office policies.

Must be proficient with the use of general office software including but not limited to Microsoft Word and Excel. Candidate must provide current police and traffic clearances and proof of eligibility to work in the CNMI. Must have a valid drivers' license and operate a court vehicle. Applicants given a conditional offer of employment with the CNMI Judiciary will be required to submit to urinalysis to screen for the illegal use of drugs prior to employment. "Illegal drug" means a substance whose use or possession is controlled by federal law but that is not being used or possessed under the supervision of a licensed health care professional. (Controlled substances are listed in Schedules I-V of 21 C.F.R. Part 1308.) Criminal background check will be conducted. Applicants with criminal records will not be considered.

Education completed in foreign colleges or universities may be used to meet the job qualification requirements if the applicant can show that foreign education is comparable to education received in accredited educational institutions in the United States.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide such evidence when applying for Judiciary jobs. Education received in foreign colleges or universities will be considered if the candidate submits an evaluation of the coursework from: (a) an accredited U.S. college or university; or (b) a private professional organization specializing in interpretation of foreign educational credentials.<sup>1</sup>

**COMPENSATION AND TENURE:** This position serves under the general supervision of the Presiding Judge of the Commonwealth Superior Court and direct supervision of the Mental Health Court Docket Manager or his/her designee. The salary range will be \$25,000 - \$30,000 annually.

**INTERESTED PERSONS:** Application forms are available at the Judiciary Administrative Office at the Guma Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewe/House of Justice in Susupe, or at the Superior Court offices at Kotten Tinian in Tinian and at Centron Hustisia in Rota during normal business hours except on weekends and holidays. Completed applications, cover letter, and three references should be submitted to:

NMI Judiciary  
Human Resources  
Guma' Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewe/House of Justice  
P.O. Box 502165, Saipan, MP 96950  
Tel. (670) 236-9818 I Cell. (670) 783-8592 I Fax. (670) 236-9702  
[hrjudiciary@nmjudiciary.com](mailto:hrjudiciary@nmjudiciary.com)

This job announcement will remain open until filled and can be seen with a printable copy of the application and may be downloaded at <http://www.nmjudiciary.gov>

The Judiciary reserves the right to rescind or cancel this JVA at any time without notice.

<sup>1</sup> The following organizations evaluate foreign educational credentials for employment and other purposes. All operate on a fee based on the extent of the education to be evaluated; applicants shall bear the cost of evaluation.

(a) Credentials Evaluation Service P.O. Box 24679 Los Angeles, CA 90024  
(b) Education Equivalency Evaluation World Education Services P.O. Box 745 Old Chelsea Station New York, NY 10011  
(c) Education Credential Evaluators, Inc. P.O. Box 17499 Milwaukee, WI 53217  
(d) International Consultants of Delaware, Inc. 914 Pickett Lane Newark, DE 19711  
(e) Foundation for International Services, Inc. P.O. Box 230278 Portland, OR 97223.  
While the Judiciary offer these addresses as information to applicants who request

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**INVITATION TO BID (ITB)**  
**ITB22-CHCC/THC/RHC-016A**  
"ADDENDUM"  
RE-ANNOUNCEMENT

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: AUGUST 23RD, 2022 TIME: 10:00AM (CHST)**

**"LEASE OF PROVIDER'S HOUSING FOR TINIAN HEALTH CENTER-THC AND ROTA HEALTH CENTER-RHC"**

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**/S/ ESTHER L. MUNA**  
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**/S/ CORA P. ADA**  
DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY

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**COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION**

**INVITATION TO BID**  
**ITB22-CHCC/CGC-HTP-023**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: AUGUST 29th, 2022 TIME: 10:00AM (CHST)**

**"PROCUREMENT OF VEHICLE - HTP'S TINIAN OFFICE"**

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**INVITATION TO BID**  
**ITB22-CHCC/WIC-025**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: SEPT. 5TH, 2022 TIME: 10:00AM (CHST)**

**"PROCUREMENT OF COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR WIC'S MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM UPGRADE"**

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CHCC CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**/S/ CORA P. ADA**  
DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY



# 9th Annual Pacifica Art Contest invites local artists

It is that time of the year when Pacifica Insurance Underwriters Inc. calls on all local artists from Rota, Tinian and Saipan to tell their stories in a form of art through its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Pacifica Art Contest.

This year's theme of "Living COVID-19 Safe" resonates with everyone in the Marianas, as we continue to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus and find ways to keep things normal and at bay. The contest will be duplicating previous art contest categories, mediums with the

same submittal parameter requirements, all of which will be judged by their individual creativity and originality, quality of artwork, the piece's relevance to this year's theme, and its overall presentation.

As it is the primary goal of PIUI, children and adolescents ages 6 through 17 and adults will be given another opportunity to make art history by demonstrating their talents with the incentive of winning a cash prize and gifts.

"These past couple of years have only proven the CNMI to

Stay COVID-19 Free!



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The artwork submitted by Sayema Sibur in a previous Pacifica Art Contest.

be rich in talent. Every single piece submitted previously were a literal work of art, a masterpiece. We hope to continue the momentum of nurturing talent and creating an avenue for all young artists to express their God-given talents. With this year's theme, we guarantee that every art piece will wow the audience [and], above all, convey the message that the only way to live today is to live COVID-19 safe," said PIUI president and CEO Shirley Sablan. "I would also like to extend my sincerest *si yu'us ma'ase* to every educator, school administrator, and member of the media who have helped us over the years to promote this program. You are all what makes for a good, meaningful partnership that move mountains."

The contest will have three allowable mediums: traditional, digital and three-dimensional. The traditional medium will be open only to ages 6 to 17 years, while the digital and three-dimensional mediums will welcome artists of all ages.



Mediums for the traditional category include pen, paint, char-

coal, oil pastel, crayons, and color pencil. Mediums for the digital category must be in the form of digital photography, video (not to exceed 30 seconds) and two-dimensional/graphics. And just added to the program last year, the three-dimensional category will once again give artists of all ages a chance to compete in a physical art piece category with their 3D pieces.

Submittals must include the artist's full name, age, school name (if applicable), telephone number, mailing and email addresses. Deadline for submission will be on Sept. 23, 2022, at 4pm at the PIUI office in Susupe.

Pacifica Art Contest is a visual arts competition and a program created by PIUI designed to nurture and support local talent and the arts in the CNMI.

For additional details about Pacifica Art Contest, call (670) 234-6267 or log on to [www.pacificains.com/artcontest](http://www.pacificains.com/artcontest). You may also follow us on social media: [facebook.com/pacificainsuranceunderwriters](https://facebook.com/pacificainsuranceunderwriters) and [instagram.com/pacificainsurance](https://instagram.com/pacificainsurance) for Contest updates. (PIUI)


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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Wednesday, August 17, 2022



PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 8-41, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMONWEALTH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CEDA) THRU ITS CHAIRWOMAN, HEREBY INFORMS THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE CEDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL HOLD A REGULAR MEETING ON MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2022, AT 3:00 P.M. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CEDA CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, CEDA BUILDING, OLEAI SAIPAN. THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

### AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
  - A. Call to Order
  - B. Roll Call
  - C. Adoption of Agenda
  - D. Adoption of Minutes
    1. July 26, 2022
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- III. REPORTS
  - A. Executive Director's Report
    1. Loan Matter – Frances S. Arriola
  - B. Comptroller's Report
    1. Financial Report
  - C. Qualifying Certificate Program/Economic Development Activities
    1. Deliberation & Board Action on CEDA's Small Business Aide Program Proposal
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
- V. NEW BUSINESS
- VI. OTHER MATTERS
- VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. (Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/ AUBRY M. HOCOG  
Chairwoman


**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY**  
**COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION**  


## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

### RFP22-CHCC/LABORATORY-024

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: SEPT. 5TH, 2022 TIME: 10:00AM (CHST)

### "LABORATORY EXPANSION PROJECT (Coordinate, Design, Oversight Monitoring and Construction) for CHC Hospital / Laboratory Department

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/s/ CORA P. ADA  
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## JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Opening Date: August 17, 2022 Closing Date: August 31, 2022

<b>POSITIONS:</b> Investigator V (Re-Announcement) Audit Supervisor	<b>EXAMINATION NO.</b> OPA-22-003 OPA-22-004
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For more information, please visit our website at [www.opacnmi.com](http://www.opacnmi.com) or come visit us at our office in Capitol Hill. Interested persons may also pick up a copy of the Examination Announcement at the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) in Garapan. Applicants are required to complete the OPA Employment Application form.


**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**CNMI GOVERNMENT**  


## INVITATION TO BID

### RFP NO.: DPW22-RFP No.: 42200141

SUBMISSION DATE: September 13, 2022 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

### "Department of Public Works Planning Road Condition and Flood Hazard Mapping Project"

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, LOCATED ON SECOND FLOOR, OLEAI JOETEN COMMERCIAL CENTER, SAN JOSE, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

**THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.**

The RFP Package and Scope of Work is available on or after **August 10, 2022** at the Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center.

There will be a **Pre-Proposal Conference** for this project on **August 26, 2022**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All question regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **September 02, 2022** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

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/s/ JAMES A. ADA  
SECRETARY, DPW

/s/ FRANCISCO C. AGUON  
ACTING DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES

/s/ PATRICK C. GUERRERO  
GOVERNOR'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE (GAR)


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## JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT # 05-2022

<b>Opening date:</b> August 15, 2022 <b>Location:</b> SAIPAN <b>Positions:</b> (1) ARFF General Maintenance (1) ARFF Mechanic II (1) ARFF Mechanic III	<b>Closing date:</b> September 02, 2022 <b>SALARY</b> PL 3/1 to 3/12 (\$8.01/hr. to \$13.70/hr.) PL 6/1 to 6/12 (\$9.27/hr. to \$15.85/hr.) PL 12/1 to 12/12 (\$12.42/hr. to \$21.25/hr.)
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**Location:** TINIAN  
**Positions:** (2) General Maintenance I

**SALARY**  
 PL 2/1 to 2/12 (\$7.63/hr. to \$13.04/hr.)

Employment Application must be accompanied with a copy of all required diploma/certificates and/or official sealed transcripts, original copy of recent police record not more than six (6) months old, original copy of U.S. Department of Defense Form DD214 for retired members or veterans of our Armed Forces, and other documents as required for the position. Public Law 11-70 requires that all male applicants age 18 to 25 years old must submit documentation evidencing his registration with the Federal Selective Service System. All applications and required documents must be submitted to the **CPA Administration Office, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport or CPA Administration Office Tinian International Airport or Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport**. Failure to provide any of the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. Certain vacancies may require written and/or physical test. Selected applicants will be subjected to pre-employment drug screening, 10-year Criminal History Record Check and 49 CFR Part 1542.209(d) Requirements. CPA reserves the right to waive or implement other qualifications to meet its needs. The deadline for submission of applications and required documents to the CPA Administration Office (Saipan) or at the Tinian International Airport or Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport is no later than 5:00 P.M. on Friday, September 02, 2022.

Detailed information on qualifications and position descriptions for the above positions may be picked up along with the application form from Monday-Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., except on holidays, at the CPA Administration Office (2nd Floor) of the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Arrival Terminal or CPA Admin. Office at the Tinian International Airport or at the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport. For additional information, please contact the CPA Human Resources Office by email at [lorna.tenorio@cnmiports.com](mailto:lorna.tenorio@cnmiports.com) or by phone at (670) 237-6500.

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Attorney for Petitioner Vidal J.N. Fitial

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

THE ESTATE OF ) Civil Action No.  
SIMON ILAL, ) 22-0124  
)  
Deceased. ) [Proposed] ORDER  
) SETTING HEARING  
) ON PETITION  
) FOR PARTIAL  
) DISTRIBUTION  
) Date: August 18, 2022  
) Time: 10:00 a.m.  
) Judge: Joseph N. Camacho

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Administrator Vidal Joseph Nekaifes Fitial has filed a Petition for Decree of Final Distribution in this matter. The filing has been converted to Petition for Partial Distribution and will be heard on the date and time set forth above at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Dated this 12th day of August, 2022.

/s/  
Joseph N. Camacho, Associate Judge

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/s/  
Joseph N. Camacho, Associate Judge



# Nation

## Justice Dep't opposes unsealing affidavit for Mar-a-Lago warrant

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Justice Department on Monday rebuffed efforts to make public the affidavit supporting the search warrant for former President Donald Trump's estate in Florida, saying the investigation "implicates highly classified material" and the document contains sensitive information about witnesses.

The government's opposition came in response to court filings by several news organizations, including The Associated Press, seeking to unseal the underlying affidavit the Justice Department submitted when it asked for the warrant to search Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate earlier this month.

Trump, in a Truth Social post early Tuesday, called for the release of the unredacted affidavit in the interest of transparency.

The court filing — from Juan Antonio Gonzalez, the U.S. attorney in Miami, and Jay Bratt, a top Justice Department national security official — argues that making the affidavit public would "cause significant and irreparable damage to this ongoing criminal investigation."

The document, the prosecu-

tors say, details "highly sensitive information about witnesses," including people who have been interviewed by the government, and contains confidential grand jury information.

The government told a federal magistrate judge that prosecutors believe some additional records, including the cover sheet for the warrant and the government's request to seal the documents, should now be made public.

A property receipt unsealed Friday showed the FBI seized 11 sets of classified documents, with some not only marked top secret but also "sensitive compartmented information," a special category meant to protect the nation's most important secrets that if revealed publicly could cause "exceptionally grave" damage to U.S. interests. The court records did not provide specific details about information the documents might contain.

The Justice Department acknowledged Monday that its ongoing criminal investigation "implicates highly classified material."

The search warrant, also unsealed Friday, said federal agents were investigating po-

tential violations of three different federal laws, including one that governs gathering, transmitting or losing defense information under the Espionage Act. The other statutes address the concealment, mutilation or removal of records and the destruction, alteration or falsification of records in federal investigations.

The Mar-a-Lago search warrant, carried out last Monday, was part of an ongoing Justice Department investigation into the discovery of classified White House records recovered from Trump's home earlier this year. The National Archives had asked the department to investigate after saying 15 boxes of records it retrieved from the estate included classified records.

It remains unclear whether the Justice Department moved forward with the warrant simply as a means to retrieve the records or as part of a wider criminal investigation or an attempt to prosecute the former president. Multiple federal laws govern the handling of classified information, with both criminal and civil penalties, as well as presidential records.

cal condition, officials said.

### 1 dead, 9 injured in gas explosion at Missouri home

WYATT, Mo. (AP)—A gas explosion Monday at a southeast Missouri home killed one person and injured nine others, authorities said. The explosion happened around 7 a.m. in Wyatt, a town of about 280 people that's about 130 miles (210 kilometers) south of St. Louis, Capt. Barry Morgan with the Mississippi County Sheriff's Office said. He said authorities were trying to determine whether a water heater or stove were to blame. He identified the person killed only as a man in his mid-20s. Nine other people—the youngest just 6 months old—had serious or critical burn injuries. Several were flown to hospitals in St. Louis and Memphis, Tennessee.

### Illegal border crossings fall in July but remain high

WASHINGTON (AP)—Migrants were stopped fewer times at the U.S. border with Mexico in July than in June, authorities said Monday, a second straight monthly decline. Flows were still unusually high, particularly among nationalities less affected by Title 42, a pandemic-era rule that denies migrants legal rights to seek asylum on grounds of preventing spread of COVID-19. In theory, Title 42 applies to all nationalities but costs, diplomatic relations and others considerations usually dictate who is expelled under the public health authority. U.S. authorities stopped migrants 199,976 times in July, down 3.8% from 207,933 in June and down 6.8% from 213,593 in July 2021, Customs and Border Protection said.

## ACROSS THE NATION

### Biden to sign massive climate, health care legislation

KIAWAH ISLAND, S.C. (AP)—President Joe Biden will sign Democrats' landmark climate change and health care bill on Tuesday, delivering what he has called the "final piece" of his pared-down domestic agenda, as he aims to boost his party's standing with voters less than three months before midterm elections. The legislation includes the most substantial federal investment in history to fight climate change—some \$375 billion over the decade—and would cap prescription drug costs at \$2,000 out-of-pocket annually for Medicare recipients. It also would help an estimated 13 million Americans pay for health care insurance by extending subsidies provided during the coronavirus pandemic. The measure is paid for by new taxes on large companies and stepped-up IRS enforcement of wealthy individuals and entities, with additional funds going to reduce the federal deficit.

### Miami-Dade officer critical after shooting; suspect killed

MIAMI, Florida (AP)—A Miami-Dade police officer was critically wounded and an armed robbery suspect was killed in an exchange of gunfire during a car chase Monday night, authorities said. The suspect smashed his vehicle into a police cruiser and another car while trying to flee following a reported armed robbery near the Liberty City neighborhood, the Miami-Dade Police Department said in a statement. "An altercation ensued and shots were fired resulting in both the officer and subject shot," the statement said. The suspect died at the scene. The officer was hospitalized in criti-

# World

## Ukraine says it fended off more than dozen attacks



A man cleans an apartment destroyed after Russian shelling in Nikopol, Ukraine, Monday, Aug. 15, 2022. AP

KYIV, Ukraine (AP)—The Ukrainian military said Monday that it had repelled more than a dozen Russian attacks in the country's east and north, including attempts to advance on key cities in the eastern industrial heartland known as the Donbas.

In its regular Facebook update, the military's general staff said Russian troops had attempted to push towards Kramatorsk, one of two major cities in the eastern Donetsk province that remain

under Ukrainian control, but "they failed completely and chaotically retreated to their previous positions."

In the same post, the military said Russian forces had staged an unsuccessful assault on Bakhmut, a strategic town in the Donetsk region whose capture would pave the way for Russia to take Kramatorsk and the de facto Ukrainian administrative capital, Sloviansk.

The Donetsk region is one of two provinces that

make up the Donbas, where the fighting has largely been focused in recent months, since Kremlin forces retreated from around the capital, Kyiv.

Russian officials announced the full capture of the Luhansk region, the second of the two, early last month, though its Ukrainian governor has repeatedly claimed that Kyiv's forces are holding out in a small area near the regional boundary.

## China sets new drills as US delegation visits Taiwan

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—China announced more military drills around Taiwan as the self-governing island's president met with members of a new U.S. congressional delegation on Monday, threatening to renew tensions between Beijing and Washington after a similar recent visit by U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi angered China.

Pelosi was the highest-level member of the U.S. government to visit Taiwan

in 25 years, and her trip prompted nearly two weeks of threatening military exercises by China, which claims the island as its own. In those drills, Beijing fired missiles over the island and into the Taiwan Strait and sent warplanes and navy ships across the waterway's midline, which has long been a buffer between the sides that split amid civil war in 1949.

China accuses the U.S.

of encouraging the island's independence through the sale of weapons and engagement between U.S. politicians and the island's government. Washington says it does not support independence, has no formal diplomatic ties with the island and maintains that the two sides should settle their dispute peacefully—but it is legally bound to ensure the island can defend itself against any attack.

## Afghanistan marks 1 year since Taliban seizure as woes mount

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—The Taliban on Monday marked a year since they seized the Afghan capital in a rapid takeover that triggered a hasty escape of the nation's Western-backed leaders, sent the economy into a tailspin and fundamentally transformed the country.

Bearded Taliban fighters, some hoisting rifles or the white banners of their movement, staged victory parades on foot, bicycles and motorcycles in the streets of Kabul. One group marched past the former U.S. Embassy, chant-

ing "Long live Islam" and "Death to America."

A year after the dramatic day, much has changed in Afghanistan. The former insurgents struggle to govern and remain internationally isolated. The economic downturn has driven millions more Afghans into poverty and even hunger, as the flow of foreign aid slowed to a trickle.

The U.N. humanitarian chief for Afghanistan warned that unless donors provide \$2.6 billion very soon the country faces "pure catastro-

phe" over the coming winter with millions of lives at stake.

Ramiz Alakbarov told a virtual news conference from Kabul that the U.N.'s \$4.4 billion humanitarian appeal for Afghanistan this year has received only about \$1.8 billion, leaving a \$2.6 billion gap in funding for desperately needed food and other aid.

He said over 90 million people in Afghanistan are "food insecure," around 35 million are living in poverty, and 6.6 million are classified in the emergency level just one step from famine.

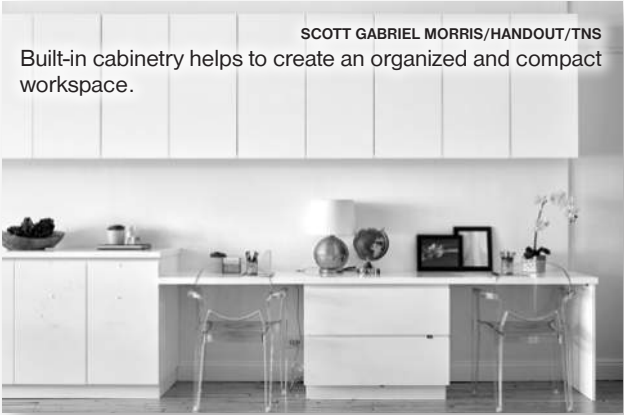


# Good Housekeeping

## How to make a small workspace shine

By CATHY HOBBS  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Workspaces should ideally be both functional and aesthetically pleasing. With many workers now working from home, finding ample space may be a challenge. However, small workspaces can be the ideal solution. Here are some top tips to create small workspaces that allow ample space for work.



- 1

Incorporate glass and mirrors. Mirrors and glass can help make small spaces visually open and airy.
- 2

Consider built-ins. Built-in desks and cabinetry will help to preserve floor space.
- 3

In a bedroom, use a desk in place of a dresser. This especially works in children's bedrooms.
- 4

Source workspace items that are versatile, such as a desk that can be used as a dining space or folds away.
- 5

Go compact. Opt for small but functional workspaces, as opposed to one that is bulky and overwhelming.





# Life & Style

## Rapper A\$AP Rocky charged with felony assault with a firearm

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Rapper A\$AP Rocky was charged with two felonies Monday for pulling a gun on a former friend and firing in Hollywood last year, prosecutors said.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office charged the 33-year-old New York native, whose legal name is Rakim Athelaston Mayers, with two counts of assault with a semiautomatic firearm.

Prosecutors allege that during an argument on Nov. 6, 2021, Mayers pointed the handgun at the victim, then in a subsequent confrontation drew the gun again and fired twice in the direction of the man, who sustained a minor injury. His name has not been released.

Mayers has not entered a plea to the charges. He is

scheduled to be arraigned Wednesday. An email seeking comment from representatives was not immediately returned.

"Discharging a gun in a public place is a serious offense that could have ended with tragic consequences not only for the person targeted but also for innocent bystanders visiting Hollywood," said District Attorney George Gascón said in a statement.

Mayers and two other men fled the scene after he fired the gun, police said. He was first arrested for the incident at Los Angeles International Airport on April 20, and was released on bail the same day.



A\$AP Rocky

A member of the Harlem hip hop collective A\$AP Mob, A\$AP Rocky first made his mark in music with the single "Peso" in 2011. His 2013 debut album, "Long Live A\$AP," went to No. 1 on the Billboard 200, as did its 2015 follow-up, "At. Long. Last. A\$AP." He has been nominated for two Grammy Awards.

He is in a relationship with Rihanna, and the two had a son in May.

Mayers released his last studio album four years ago, and like Rihanna has become as known for fashion trendsetting as he is for music.

He was the focus of international attention in 2019 af-

ter being detained for nearly a month in Sweden following

a street brawl. He was found "conditional sentence" that meant no additional time in jail.

## Film academy apologizes to Littlefeather for 1973 Oscars

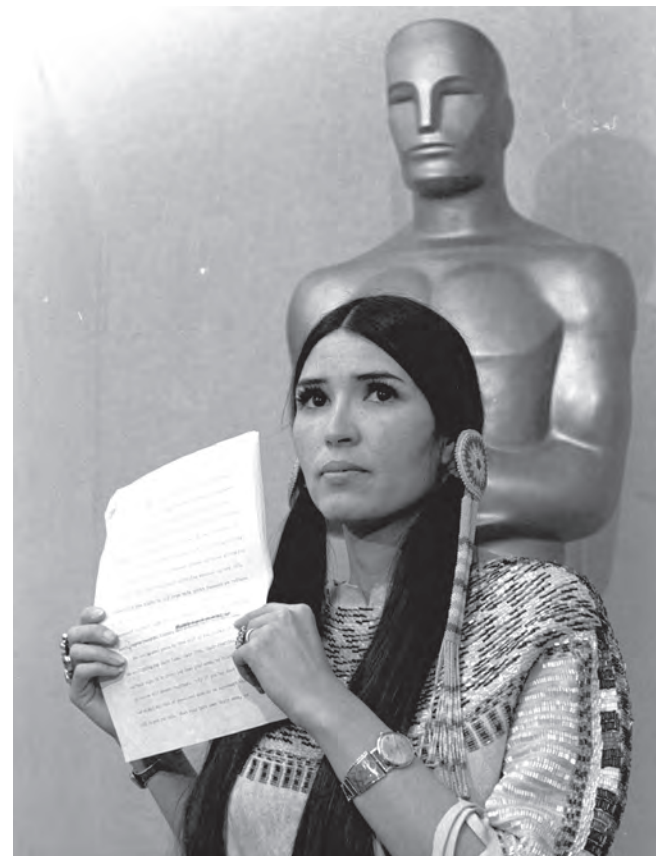
NEW YORK (AP)—Nearly 50 years after Sacheen Littlefeather stood on the Academy Awards stage on behalf of Marlon Brando to speak about the depiction of Native Americans in Hollywood films, the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences apologized to her for the abuse she endured.

The Academy Museum of Motion Pictures on Monday said that it will host Littlefeather, now 75, for an evening of "conversation, healing and celebration" on Sept. 17.

When Brando won best actor for "The Godfather," Littlefeather, wearing buckskin dress and moccasins, took the stage, becoming the first Native American woman ever to do so at the Academy Awards. In a 60-second speech, she explained that Brando could not accept the award due to "the treatment of American Indians today by the film industry."

Some in the audience booed her. John Wayne, who was backstage at the time, was reportedly furious. The 1973 Oscars were held during the American Indian Movement's two-month occupation of Wounded Knee in South Dakota. In the years since, Littlefeather has said she's been mocked, discriminated against and personally attacked for her brief Academy Awards appearance.

In making the announce-



AP

Sacheen Littlefeather appears at the Academy Awards ceremony to announce that Marlon Brando was declining his Oscar as best actor for his role in "The Godfather," on March 27, 1973.

ment, the Academy Museum shared a letter sent June 18 to Littlefeather by David Rubin, academy president, about the iconic Oscar moment. Rubin called Littlefeather's speech "a powerful statement that continues to remind us of the necessity of respect and the importance of human dignity."

"The abuse you endured

because of this statement was unwarranted and unjustified," wrote Rubin. "The emotional burden you have lived through and the cost to your own career in our industry are irreparable. For too long the courage you showed has been unacknowledged. For this, we offer both our deepest apologies and our sincere admiration."

## Walmart deal with Paramount gives members streaming perks

NEW YORK (AP)—Walmart Inc. said Monday it has signed a deal with Paramount Global to offer the entertainment company's streaming service as a perk to subscribers of the discount retailer's shipping subscription service.

The move is part of efforts by the nation's largest retailer to better compete with Amazon's Prime membership program, which offers an array of perks.

Starting in September, subscribers to Walmart+ will

be have access to the Paramount+ Essential Plan, which includes ads and offers original dramas such as "1883" and "Star Trek: Strange New Worlds," along with the preschool franchise "PAW Patrol," recent blockbuster films such as "Sonic the Hedgehog 2," and live sports.

The cost of Walmart+ will remain \$98 a year, or \$12.95 a month, the retailer said. It includes free shipping on items and discounts on gasoline. An Amazon Prime membership

costs \$139 a year, or \$14.99 a month, and includes the Amazon Video service, original programming and free gaming, among other perks.

Walmart, which is based in Bentonville, Arkansas, has never disclosed the number of members it has signed up but said on Monday that it has had monthly growth in membership since its launch in September 2020.

Terms of the deal with New York-based Paramount Global were not disclosed.

## Ex asks woman if she's available for cuddling

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been separated from my husband for a year and a half. The divorce became final five months ago. He had major mood swings, and was nice one minute and hateful the next. We have two children together.

I have a boyfriend I've been seeing for about a year. We are casual, but monogamous. Suddenly, my ex is being really nice, telling me he loves me and if I "change," he'd want me to come back. He has a lot of changing to do as well, and he acknowledges that. Lately, he has been asking to come over to cuddle, he says, for some type of human contact. I doubt my boyfriend would agree this is a good idea. Sex is not on the table, and everyone knows that. What do you think?

**MOVING ON IN ARKANSAS**

**DEAR MOVING:** I think it's a terrible idea. It isn't your job to cuddle with your ex so he has human contact. Unless you actually plan to reconcile with him, do not buy what he's trying to sell. Tell him you will always want a cordial relationship with him—for the sake of the children—but it's time he finds himself a girlfriend to cuddle with.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My wife and I enjoy wine and the tasting and selecting of fine vintages. We also enjoy learning more about and tasting fine spirits like single malt scotches and Kentucky bourbon. The challenge is, my wife pours whiskey like it's wine. She fills a glass halfway to the brim and drinks these spirits at the same pace she would drink wine. As you can

imagine, she quickly becomes very intoxicated.

She seems unaware that her behavior changes when she's drinking large volumes of spirits. I don't think she's an alcoholic because she goes for weeks without drinking. But when she does, the amount of whiskey she imbibes makes her very drunk. There have been times at social events when I had to intervene because her behavior became erratic. This is new behavior and I'm concerned she is developing a dependence. What strategy can I take to discuss this with her?

**WHISKEY'S NOT WINE IN OREGON**

**DEAR W.N.W.:** Your wife appears to have gone from a connoisseur to a binge drinker. If you haven't pointed out that her behavior changes after she drinks large quantities of hard liquor (how many ounces do those glasses hold?), you should. That you have had to intervene in social situations should be a clue to both of you that she can't handle the amount she's drinking.

Because this is new behavior, it should be discussed with her doctor. It could be a symptom of a physical problem or even her age. Her doctor can explain how drinking large amounts of alcohol can damage her health, safety and cognition, and recommend a path to follow. Please don't procrastinate, because this is serious.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I have been married to the same woman for 20 years. We are happy together. I have a skin condition called NF1 and have tumors all over my body except my legs and face (those were removed a number of years ago).

## DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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I still have a number of them on my arms that I want taken off. But my wife says she's happy the way I am, and when she met me, she was OK with the way I was. However, for my own self-confidence I want them gone. Should I stay as I am or have them removed?

**TORN IN TENNESSEE**

**DEAR TORN:** That your wife loves you "just the way you are" is wonderful. But it's just as important that YOU love yourself the way you are. If you would feel happier and more confident having the growths removed, you should do it.

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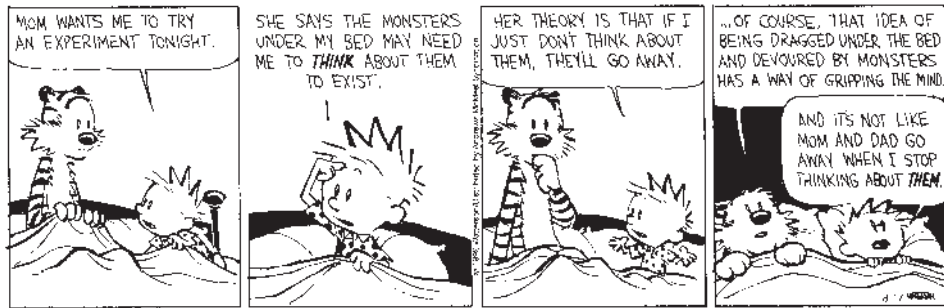
Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)



# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes

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## CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

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4 Pesky insect  
8 Blaze  
12 "Alley —"  
13 Verdi heroine  
14 Booty  
15 Sugar suffix  
16 Some online essays  
18 Doppler device  
20 "Diamonds" singer  
21 Brzezinski of MSNBC  
24 Group character  
28 Coin that keeps turning up  
32 Stitched  
33 Artist Yoko  
34 "— luck!"  
36 Actor Stephen  
37 Euro fraction  
39 Pub game

**DOWN**

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3 Raced  
4 Angel with a trumpet  
5 Zero  
6 Com-  
7 Labels  
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9 Cyclades island  
10 Decay  
11 UFO engi-  
17 Diner dessert  
19 Sound booster  
22 Handle  
23 Poker payments  
25 Medal earner  
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28 — Raton, Fla.  
29 From the start  
30 Lady of Spain  
31 Belgian river  
35 Stirs up  
38 "We hold these — to be ..."  
40 Letter addenda, for short  
42 Sixth sense  
45 Top-notch  
47 Beehive State  
48 Get up  
49 Tibetan herd  
50 "Kapow!"  
51 Before  
52 Play segment  
53 Where Lux. is  
54 Ring decision

**Solution time: 23 mins.**

Yesterday's answer 8-17

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Austin Butler, 31; Tammy Townsend, 52; Donnie Wahlberg, 53; Robert De Niro, 79.

**Happy Birthday:** Settle down and monitor situations carefully before you get involved. Refuse to let your emotions take over and lead you in the wrong direction. Focus on personal improvements and educational pursuits that will allow you to expand your interests and your cash flow. Be willing to compromise, but don't give anyone the power to make decisions for you. Control and lead. Your numbers are 3, 15, 21, 26, 32, 44, 49.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Mix business with pleasure, and you'll gain ground. Your input and delightful way of dealing with others will help you score points. Take some time to rejuvenate or spend with someone you love. Catching up will bring you closer. \*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You'll get the wrong impression if you let your emotions take over. Be aware of what others are doing, and ask questions to ensure you know what's happening. Being prepared to protect against outside influences is encouraged. \*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Sit tight and observe. Choose your words wisely, and give no one a chance to misinterpret what you say. Make your health and well-being prime concerns. Staying current will keep you moving forward and help you handle opposition. \*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Call on people you know you can count on for assistance. A conversation will convince

you to branch out in a direction where you know your skills can do some good. Take pride in what you do, and others will take notice. \*\*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Pace yourself and monitor what's happening around you. Learn from the experience you have when dealing with superiors or facing competition. Stand up for your beliefs, but don't start a feud with someone you need in your corner. Romance is favored. \*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Consider what puts a smile on your face, and double down until you feel the euphoria you want to achieve. Don't let emotions or anger interfere with making the right decision regarding your health, wealth and relationship issues. \*\*\*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Look for an opening and charm your way into a position that gives you a shot at presenting and marketing what you have to offer. A friendly, positive demeanor will encourage the response you want and the assistance you need to continue. \*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Step away from people trying to disrupt your plans. Refuse to let anyone limit your potential. Pour your energy into change and completion. Use your imagination and find a solution to any problem you encounter. \*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Don't enter a battle you cannot win. Focus less on the demands being put on you, and strive to satisfy your dreams. Question information that appears to benefit someone else more than you. Don't be afraid to do your own thing. \*\*\*

## EUGENIA LAST

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Question what's happening, and figure out what you want before implementing change. Take care of money issues before you get involved in a joint venture. Don't let a friendship jeopardize your relationship with someone you love. \*\*\*\*



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Be reasonable and compromise. Getting along with others will strengthen your position among friends, peers and family members. Don't be afraid to speak up about what's important to you. Deal with a change of heart openly. Truth matters. \*\*



**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Keep your personal and professional lives separate. Changing how you handle money and work responsibilities will help you nullify negative comments that can hurt your reputation. Process your thoughts and have an alternative plan in place. \*\*\*\*

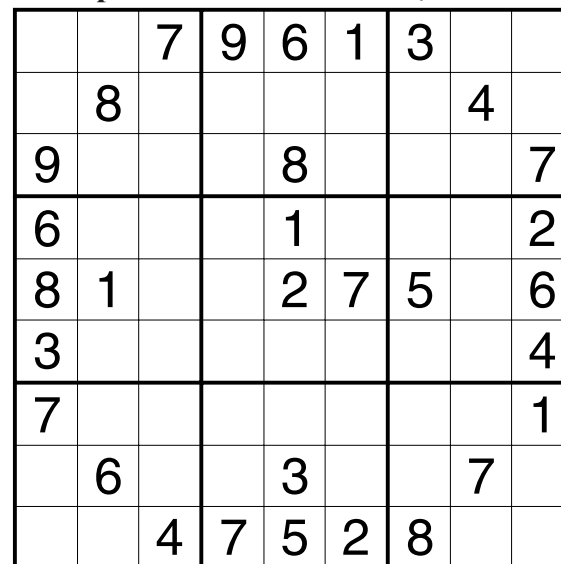
**Birthday Baby:** You are pleasing, friendly and accommodating. You are open and resourceful.

☾: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ☼: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ☼☼: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ☼☼☼: Aim high; start new projects. ☼☼☼☼: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

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By Dave Green



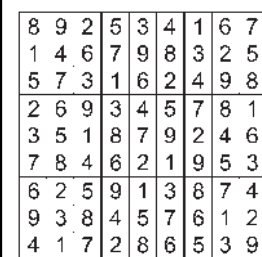
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By DAVID OUELLET

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Yesterday's Answer: Name

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# Mariners score 4 in 9th after Ohtani departs, top Angels, 6-2



**A N A -  
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lif.** (AP)—

Angels star Shohei Ohtani struck out eight and allowed two runs in six innings, before the Seattle Mariners scored four runs in the ninth and took advantage of shoddy fielding to beat Los Angeles 6-2 on Monday night.

Jesse Winker and J.P. Crawford each had two hits and two RBIs for the Mariners, who vaulted over Toronto and Baltimore into the top wild-card spot in the AL.

Winker, who homered in the first inning, has reached base in 12 of his last 13 games and also has four home runs in that span.

It was the first time since May 18 at Texas that Ohtani had a no-decision. The Japanese two-way phenom had gone 7-5 with a 2.60 ERA in his last 12 starts.

Los Angeles' Luis Rengifo homered while Jared Walsh had two hits and an RBI.

The game was tied at 2 going into the ninth inning before the Mariners broke through. Sam Haggerty got aboard with a one-out single off Aaron Loup (0-4). Haggerty advanced to second when Angels catcher Max Stassi wildly threw to the bag even though Haggerty wasn't running. Haggerty stole third and then scored the go-ahead run when he eluded a rundown and made it home when no one was covering the plate.

Seattle got some breathing room when Dylan Moore scored on Ty France's grounder, when Stassi was unable to catch it at the plate. Julio Rodriguez scored on Winker's grounder and Crawford's base hit plated France.

Andres Munoz (2-4) got the win.

Luis Castillo, making his third start since being acquired from Cincinnati at the trade deadline, struck out nine in six innings.

The teams traded two-out solo homers in the first. Winker went deep to right center on a full-count slider by Ohtani. It was the fifth time Ohtani allowed a home run in the opening frame and the first since he gave up a pair against the Yankees on June 2.

Rengifo tied it with the help of Seattle's outfield. Center fielder Rodriguez tried to call off right fielder Mitch Haniger, but both players jumped at the ball in right-center. The ball bounced off Rodriguez's glove and over the yellow line, giving Rengifo his eighth homer of the season. It was originally ruled a triple before being overturned by replay.



Los Angeles Angels' Shohei Ohtani reacts after giving up an RBI single to Seattle Mariners' J.P. Crawford during the third inning of a baseball game Monday, Aug. 15, 2022, in Anaheim, Calif.

The Mariners took a 2-1 lead in the third when Crawford's base hit up the middle drove in Winker. The Angels evened it in the fourth when Taylor Ward led off with a double down the left-field line and scored on Jared Walsh's single to right.

## **Rays 4, Yankees 0**

In New York, the slumping New York Yankees were shut out in consecutive games for the first time since 2016, losing to Ryan Yarbrough and the Tampa Bay Rays 4-0 on Monday night.

New York failed to provide any run support for ace Gerrit Cole (9-5), whose only run allowed followed a misplay in center field by Aaron Hicks.

The AL East leaders were blanked for the fourth time in nine games and dropped to 8-16 since the All-Star break after a 64-28 start.

Yarbrough (1-7) pitched four innings as a bulk reliever for his first win in nearly a year, striking out six without a walk.

## **Dodgers 4, Brewers 0**

In Milwaukee, Freddie Freeman and Gavin Lux homered to back Julio Urias' five solid innings, and Los Angeles blanked Milwaukee.

A day after their 12-game winning streak ended with a 4-0 loss at Kansas City, the major league-best Dodgers got back on track, improving to 20-4 since the All-Star break.

Freeman hit a solo shot in the first inning off Freddy

Peralta (4-3) and Lux added a two-run blast against Hoby Milner in the sixth.

Urias (13-6) worked out of trouble in the first three innings. He finished with six strikeouts while allowing four hits and two walks, improving to 10-0 with a 1.99 ERA over his last 11 starts.

## **Orioles 7, Blue Jays 3**

In Toronto, Ryan Mountcastle hit a two-run home run in his return to the lineup, Ryan McKenna had his first three-hit game, and surging Baltimore improved to 9-4 in August.

Mountcastle homered off Toronto left-hander Yusei Kikuchi (4-7) in the third. He sat out Sunday's loss at Tampa Bay after being hit on the left wrist by a pitch Saturday.

Vladimir Guerrero Jr. hit his 24th home run as the Blue Jays lost for the eighth time in 11 games.

Orioles right-hander Kyle Bradish allowed three runs in 4 2/3 innings and Bryan Baker (4-3) worked 1 1/3 innings in relief.

## **Braves 13, Mets 1**

In Atlanta, William Contreras and Eddie Rosario hit back-to-back homers off Carlos Carrasco in the second inning, Ronald Acuña Jr. doubled three times and drove in three runs, and Atlanta routed New York.

The Braves scored eight runs in the sixth inning, including a three-run homer by Travis d'Arnaud. They won their seventh straight and moved within 4 1/2 games of

the NL East-leading Mets.

Carrasco (13-5) allowed three runs in two innings, and his outing was interrupted by a 55-minute rain delay. He winced on his last pitch and was pulled with left side tightness.

Atlanta starter Spencer Strider (7-4) also returned after the delay and retired 10 of the last 12 batters he faced. He gave up one run in five innings.

## **White Sox 4, Astros 2**

In Chicago, Yoán Moncada hit a tiebreaking two-run single as Chicago rallied with four runs in the eighth to beat Houston.

The White Sox have won four straight. Their winning rally started after José Urquidy retired the first two batters. Urquidy was pulled after AJ Pollock's infield hit, and the White Sox jumped all over Rafael Montero (4-2).

Johnny Cueto (5-5) pitched eight masterful innings. Liam Hendriks earned his 26th save, retiring Mauricio Dubón on a popup to first with two runners on for the final out.

Chicago (60-56) moved four games over .500 for the first time since it was 6-2 on April 16.

## **Tigers 7, Guardians 5, Game 2 Guardians 4, Tigers 1, Game 1**

In Cleveland, Jonathan Schoop and rookie Kerry Carpenter hit back-to-back homers in the sixth inning, and Detroit rallied to split a

doubleheader with Cleveland and snap an eight-game skid.

All-Star Andrés Giménez belted a go-ahead, three-run homer in the seventh inning of the opener. Giménez added a two-run homer in the nightcap, finishing with four hits and five RBIs on the day.

Tigers starter Bryan Garcia (1-0) gave up three runs in six innings in the second game. Gregory Soto allowed one run in the ninth but picked up his 21st save.

Eli Morgan (4-3) surrendered the homers to Schoop and Carpenter.

James Karinchak (1-0) worked a scoreless seventh in the opener and Emmanuel Clase pitched a perfect ninth for his 27th save. Cleveland did not allow a hit after the third.

Tigers reliever Will Vest (3-3) gave up two runs in the loss.

## **Marlins 3, Padres 0**

In Miami, Sandy Alcantara threw seven innings of four-hit ball and Miami beat San Diego.

Alcantara (11-5) walked two and struck out seven on 108 pitches.

Miguel Rojas and Jacob Stallings had three hits apiece and rookie JJ Bleday homered for the Marlins, who snapped a four-game skid.

The Marlins scored twice in the first against Padres starter Joe Musgrove (8-6).

Tanner Scott worked the ninth for his 17th save.

Rangers 2, Athletics 1

In Arlington, Texas, Marcus Semien homered, rookie Bubba Thompson had a tiebreaking RBI single and Texas beat Oakland.

Rangers manager Chris Woodward was fired earlier in the day with Texas on pace for its sixth straight losing season.

Nick Allen homered for the last-place A's, who lost their ninth game in a row. The Rangers have their first three-game winning streak in more than two months.

Glenn Otto (5-8) overcame a career-high six walks for his first victory since June 4. Jonathan Hernandez worked the ninth for his fourth save.

James Kaprielian (3-7) struck out five and walked one over 5 1/3 innings.

## **Twins 4, Royals 2**

In Minneapolis, Max Kepler went 3 for 4 with a slump-busting RBI and Minnesota beat Kansas City.

Kepler snapped an 0-for-29 skid with his one-out single in the second inning against Royals starter Kris Bubic (2-7) that scored Jorge Polanco.

Joe Ryan (9-5) pitched 5 1/3 innings for the win,

recovering from a two-run home run by thriving rookie Vinnie Pasquantino in the first inning.

New Twins closer Jorge López, who blew his last two save chances, gave up a double and a single in the ninth inning before escaping with a game-ending double-play grounder by M.J. Melendez for his 21st save.

## **Phillies 4, Reds 3**

In Cincinnati, Noah Syndergaard won for the second time in three starts since being traded to Philadelphia and Edmundo Sosa drove in three runs against Cincinnati.

Syndergaard (7-8) allowed three runs on eight hits in seven innings, throwing only 77 pitches. Seranthony Dominguez worked the ninth for his ninth save.

Sosa's two-run single highlighted a three-run third for the Phillies. He also had an RBI double in the fifth.

Mike Minor (1-10) became the first Reds pitcher to start in 10 straight losses since Homer Bailey in 2018.

## **Nationals 5, Cubs 4**

In Washington, Nelson Cruz hit a tiebreaking homer in the eighth inning as Washington beat Chicago.

Cruz, who hit a two-run double in the fifth, smacked a 1-1 pitch from Brandon Hughes (1-1) to center to snap a 4-all tie.

Carl Edwards Jr. (4-3) pitched a scoreless eighth inning and Kyle Finnegan worked the ninth for his fifth save.

## **Giants 6, Diamondbacks 1**

In San Francisco, Evan Longoria hit a two-run homer and Alex Cobb pitched six solid innings to lead the San Francisco Giants to a 6-1 win over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Monday night.

The Giants are 18-2 at home against Arizona since the start of the 2020 season.

San Francisco took control and broke open a scoreless game by scoring all of their runs in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings.

Diamondbacks starter Madison Bumgarner (6-12), the Giants' 2014 World Series hero, allowed all six runs and eight hits in 5 2/3 innings while walking two and striking out six.

Longoria followed J.D. Davis' one-out double and broke a scoreless tie with his 10th homer of the season, a drive into the left-center field stands. Longoria has 14 double-digit home run seasons. The 13 he accumulated before this season ranked him tied for sixth among active players.



# Source: Grizzlies in line for 1st game on Christmas

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Merry Christmas, Memphis. The Grizzlies are in line to be part of that holiday's NBA showcase for the first time.

Ja Morant and the Grizzlies will face Stephen Curry, Klay Thompson and the rest of the reigning NBA champion Golden State Warriors on Dec. 25 in San Francisco, according to a person with knowledge of the league's scheduling plans. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Monday because the league is not planning to release the season's full schedule until later this week.

Given that the league has not announced the final 1,230-game season slate, it is still possible that the Christmas schedule could change — though such a move is unlikely.

The Grizzlies were one of two current NBA franchises yet to have a game on Dec.



Memphis Grizzlies guard Ja Morant, left, and forward Jaren Jackson Jr. (13) greet each other before an NBA basketball game against the Oklahoma City Thunder, Monday, Dec. 20, 2021, in Memphis, Tenn.

## LeBron James school student treated to VIP access by NASCAR

BROOKLYN, Mich. (AP)—LeBron James aims to give students at his I Promise School opportunities they may not have otherwise.

Recently, the NBA superstar's mission shifted into another gear.

James Bromsey III, a sixth-grader at James' school in Akron, Ohio, was given behind-the-scenes access before NASCAR's race Sunday at Michigan International Speedway.

It was a fitting way to celebrate a student, whose father died four years ago. James Bromsey II shared a dream with family and friends that his son would be in the Akron Soap Box Derby, an event that dates to 1934.

"My son was six months old when his dad said he was going to be in the soap box derby," Tomika Pope recalled.

Bromsey fulfilled a promise to participate in the event in June. He was awarded a VIP experience by Roush Fenway Keselowski Racing, which put a paint job on Chris Buescher's No. 17 Ford to include logos, colors and words associated with the LeBron James Family Foundation.

Bromsey rode in a pace car, climbed up the spotter's stand and had a meet-and-greet session with Buescher.

"When did you do your first flip? he asked Buescher, who said he had not flipped, but did recently have his car catch on fire. Buescher went on to tell his guests that his dad got him started in racing.



James Bromsey III, left, a sixth-grader at LeBron James' I Promise School in Akron, Ohio, poses with NASCAR driver Chris Buescher, Sunday, Aug. 7, 2022 in Brooklyn, Mich.

"Dad was into racing, too," Bromsey said quietly.

During a tour of RFK's hauler, which included a peek through an overhead opening at the space where the team stores its two cars, Bromsey's aunt Tracy Gholston was almost brought to tears. Gholston said her brother died in 2018, shortly after a bout with pneumonia.

"He could have led this tour," she said, choking up. "It's so emotional to see how God put this all together."

Bromsey added: "He would be telling you everything about all the cars."

Bromsey also was given access to the garage area, where he posed for pic-

tures and pointed toward the I Promise School logo on Buescher's car. He later walked behind the Mustang as it was pushed to the track and watched as Buescher finished 16th in the 37-car race won by Kevin Harvick in the No. 4 Ford.

James is a minority owner in Fenway Sports Group, a parent company of RFK Racing. He opened the I Promise School, which is at full capacity with third to eighth-graders, four years ago in a partnership with his family foundation and Akron City Schools, aiming to support kids facing the same problems he had during a challenging childhood.

Before the race, James wished Buescher luck on Twitter and celebrated Bromsey's experience.

"For James to have this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity at the track is amazing," James said. "He's an incredible kid with a love for racing. We wanted to show him that anything is possible when you go out and chase your dreams. And with the No. 17 car representing all of us, we want all the kids from Akron to know that nothing is out of reach for them."

Did a day at the track inspire Bromsey to someday become a NASCAR driver?

"I'll stick to the soap box derby," he said, with a grin.

25. The Charlotte Hornets are now the only club still waiting for its first Christmas schedule invite.

The rest of the Christmas schedule, the person said, will have Philadelphia facing New York, Milwaukee meeting Boston, the Los Angeles Lakers playing against Dallas and Phoenix going up against two-time reigning MVP Nikola Jokic and the Denver Nuggets.

If the Lakers' LeBron James — the all-time Christmas scoring leader, who enters the season 1,325 points behind Kareem Abdul-Jabbar for the most in NBA history — appears in that Dec. 25 game against the Mavericks, it'll be his 17th time playing on the holiday. That would break a tie with Lakers great Kobe Bryant for the most ever.

Golden State and Memphis met in the second round of last season's playoffs, as did Milwaukee and Boston.

## Source: Simmons, 76ers settle his grievance over salary

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Ben Simmons and the Philadelphia 76ers have settled the grievance he filed to recoup a portion of last season's salary, a person with knowledge of the details said Monday.

Simmons was seeking a portion of the nearly \$20 million that was withheld after he refused to suit up for the 76ers last season. He was eventually traded to the Brooklyn Nets in February for a package headlined by James Harden.

The person confirmed the settlement to The Associated Press on condition of ano-

This will mark the fifth consecutive year that Christmas — again, barring a late change — does not feature a rematch of the NBA Finals. Golden State topped Boston for this past season's championship; there hasn't been a finals rematch on Dec. 25 since the Warriors and Cleveland Cavaliers played in the 2017-18 season, on their way to a fourth consecutive meeting in the title series.

Noticeably absent from the Christmas schedule: Kevin Durant and the Brooklyn Nets. Durant told the Nets in June that he wants a trade elsewhere, reiterating that request earlier this month.

Dallas will play host to a Christmas game for the second time. The other was in 2011, after the Mavericks topped the Miami Heat in the NBA Finals the previous season. James and the Heat spoiled that season opener for the Mavericks, winning 105-94.

The Lakers will be playing on Christmas for the 24th consecutive year, by far the longest stretch in the league. Golden State will make its 10th consecutive Christmas appearance, Boston its seventh in a row and Milwaukee its fifth straight on Dec. 25.

New York is playing on Christmas for the 55th time, extending its record.

Of the eight teams that made the conference semifinals this past season, seven appear on this year's Christmas schedule. The exception is Miami, the No. 1 seed in the East last season that fell to Boston in seven games in the Eastern Conference finals.

With Memphis now getting a Dec. 25 game, the longest Christmas droughts besides Charlotte now belong to Sacramento (last Christmas game in 2003), Indiana (2004), Detroit (2005) and Orlando (2011).

The NBA season opens Oct. 18. Training camps open in late September.

nymity because terms were to remain confidential. The agreement was first reported by ESPN.

Simmons was the No. 1 pick by the 76ers in 2016 and became an All-Star. But he was heavily criticized after he struggled when the top-seeded 76ers were upset by Atlanta in the 2021 Eastern Conference semifinals.

Simmons then cited mental health concerns for not playing last season. He then had back problems in Brooklyn and ended up missing the entire season.



# Tritons split matches to earn 4th seed



The University of Guam Baseball Team split games on Sunday at Paseo Stadium in the Guam Major League tie-breaking games to earn the No. 4 seed in the wild card playoffs.

The Tritons defeated the Pirates 12-5 in UOG's afternoon game that was continued from Friday night's game that was called after three innings due to poor field conditions. The Tritons then lost 9-7 to the Typhoons in the nightcap. The Pirates are now the No. 5 seed, while the Typhoons are the No. 3 seed.

In the opening game that began on Friday that resumed in the fourth inning Sunday, the Pirates led 3-1 but Tritons scored 4 runs to take it a 5-3 lead and UOG never trailed again.

The Tritons added four more runs in the fifth inning to lead 9-5 and finished off their scoring with three more runs in the eighth. The Pirates had a two-run home run in the top of the sixth but UOG shut them out the



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University of Guam Baseball Team now has a record of 8-5 after splitting its games last Sunday in the Guam Major League.

final three innings.

Jaren Gumataotao had started the game pitching for the Tritons on Friday night, but Rico Miner started the game for UOG in the fourth inning on Sunday and only allowed two runs in his six innings of work while striking out eight batters in his best pitching performance of the GML season. Both Gumataotao and Miner were backed up by a Triton defense that did not com-

mit an error in the game. Miner also went 2-3 at the plate with two RBIs and Bam Tequero went 2-4 with two RBIs as well to lead the Tritons' offense.

The Tritons with the win then had to play the Typhoons at 7pm on Sunday night and tried to ride Miner's hot pitching again, as he started the second game, but he gave up five runs to the Typhoons in the first two innings and UOG playing coach

Roke Alcantara Jr. came in relief in the third inning and pitched five innings of relief.

But the Triton defense that had played so well in the first game, committed eight errors in the second game and UOG gave up nine runs in the game. But the Tritons would not go down without a fight, as they cut the Typhoons lead down to 9-7 in the top of the ninth, but with no outs, UOG lined into a double

play which took the heart out of the rally, and the Tritons came up short in their comeback.

The Tritons scored a run in the first, two runs in the second, another run in fifth, and then scored three runs late, with a run in the eighth and two runs in the ninth, but it was too little too late

and UOG lost, 9-7.

With the split last Sunday, the Tritons record is now 8-5 on the season. The Pirates dropped to 7-5, while the Typhoons improved to 8-4. The Rangers, who UOG plays on Thursday, is the No. 6 seed with a 7-5 record. (PR)



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The University of Guam Baseball Team in action against the Pirates last Sunday at the Paseo Stadium.

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outs for the one-hour time limit to go into effect with them leading by a run, 17-16.

Forced to go the full seven

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### MLB STANDINGS

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	72	44	.621	
Tampa Bay	61	53	.535	10
Toronto	61	53	.535	10
Baltimore	60	55	.522	11½
Boston	57	59	.491	15

#### Central Division

Cleveland	62	54	.534	
Minnesota	59	55	.518	2
Chicago	60	56	.517	2
Kansas City	48	69	.410	14½
Detroit	44	74	.373	19

#### West Division

Houston	75	42	.641	
Seattle	63	54	.538	12
Texas	52	63	.452	22
Los Angeles	51	65	.440	23½
Oakland	41	75	.353	33½

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

##### East Division

New York	75	41	.647	
Atlanta	71	46	.607	4½
Philadelphia	64	51	.557	10½
Miami	51	65	.440	24
Washington	39	78	.333	36½

##### Central Division

St. Louis	63	51	.553	
Milwaukee	61	53	.535	2
Chicago	47	67	.412	16
Cincinnati	45	69	.395	18
Pittsburgh	45	70	.391	18½

##### West Division

Los Angeles	80	34	.702	
San Diego	65	53	.551	17
San Francisco	58	57	.504	22½
Arizona	53	62	.461	27½
Colorado	51	66	.436	30½

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

innings, Man Amigos pitcher Eric Palacios silenced Tokehao in the top of the sixth before the team's batters continued to pelt David with hits.

Toves was the first to connect when he singled. Palacios then helped his cause in picking up the win by scoring a round-tripper. Kent Kalen then pegged the final score with a run in the seventh.

Peter Sablan went 4-5 with a home run, five RBIs, and three runs. Manny Sablan

also was 4-5 at bat and had a home run and four RBIs. Bill Camacho also had five ribbies for Man Amigos despite going 1-4 with a run.

Palacios has three strikeouts to go along with his 4-5 at bat, four RBIs, and one homer. Kalen and Toves also registered three and two RBIs each with the latter going a perfect 5-5 at bat.

Tokahao, which dropped to 3-2 in the win-loss column, was led by the six RBIs



MARK RABAGO

Manny Sablan went 4-5 at bat and had a home run and four RBIs in Man Amigos' 21-17 win over Tokahao in the men's division of the 2022 Budweiser Belau Amateur Softball Association League last Sunday at the Dandan Softball Field.

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ther of us. And, a CLA is not something I'm going to negotiate in Pakistan," he added.

Aside from Pakistan, Rocball is played on the national level in India and Bangladesh. Rocball is also a registered sport in Egypt, Morocco, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Argentina, Spain, Ke-

nya, Tanzania, Liberia, and the CNMI.

On Saipan, Feger said players from every major island group in Micronesia who have played Rocball at Marianas High School.

Rocball is played both indoor and outdoor. It is a game derivative of volleyball (and uses a goal like soccer) with its roots of play inspired by the Meso-American sport of Tlachtli.

of Jeff Cruz. Clint "Willow" Quitugua, Mark Villagomez, Jojo Attao, and David also had two RBIs each with Quitugua and Attao also going yard each. David also had two strikeouts in the ballgame.

### Aimeliik 14, Asahi 10

Earlier, Aimeliik won its second straight game after beating Asahi, 14-10.

Asahi actually led, 10-5, after two innings, but Aimeliik ace Justo Somol shut down Asahi's batters the rest of the way.

Aimeliik took the lead in the third when three of their runners crossed home plate. They will add six more home plate crossings the rest of the game to win via a comfortable margin.

Chouston Martin led Aimeliik in the win with five RBIs after recording two homers and going a perfect 3-3 from the plate.

Aimeliik improved to 2-4, while Asahi leveled its record to 3-3.

Dominic Hideo had two RBIs and a round-tripper

in the loss. He also had two strikeouts from the mound.

### Hagu Lamun 24, Salty Boys 6

In the only game decided by the 10-run mercy rule last Sunday, Hagu Lamun kept Salty Boys winless with a 24-6 demolition job.

The now 4-1 team actually only led, 11-6, after five innings. However, a 13-run eruption in the top of the sixth made sure Salty Boys remained further down in the league's cellar.

The fireworks for Hagu Lamun started with a double from Tim Wesley that was followed by a homer from Dennis Cruz.

Eric Tudela, Joe Celis, Ben Camacho, and John Acosta would also double, but those were the least of Salty Boys' worries as triples from Wesley and Tudela plus

home runs by Cruz and Roy Tudela officially made it open season in the sixth for the losing team.

Celis then made it quick in the bottom of the sixth as he promptly induced Luis Kiyoshi and Jon Kapileo to fly out before Chris San Nicolas was called out at first on a laser from the third baseman.

Cruz had five RBIs, two runs, and two homers after going 4-5 from the plate. Celis also took command of the mound with six strikeouts.

Tony Techur had an RBI and a run after going 1-2 at bat for Salty Boys, which dropped to 0-6.

Sunday's morning games pitting 670 Babes and Lady Eagles in the women's division and Sufa vs Peleliu and Ngaraard Redmen against Momma Charo in the men's division were postponed on account of heavy rain.

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available at Fishing Tackle & Sporting Goods, Micronesia Marine, and on the ISLA Facebook page.

Last year, captain Ed Diaz made up for his belated start to the sport of fishing by winning the 2021 ISLA Mafuti Derby.

The Marianas Visitors Authority Community Projects specialist and the crew of *Nibbler* caught the biggest emperor fish at a whopping 7 lbs to win the top prize of \$1,000, a handsome trophy, and a year's worth of bragging rights.

It marked the third straight

Mafuti Derby that Diaz and his crew won. They first won in 2018 and then made it back-to-back in 2019. The derby was canceled in 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

ISLA was established in 2018 by a group of anglers that treat fishing as a way of life. The Mafuti Derby is restricted to the waters inside the Saipan lagoon and participating boats can't exceed 17 feet in length.

Since the derby is only held inside the lagoon and is safer and closer to land, over the past years more and more of the island's youth have been taking part in the fishing tourney.





Mariners score 4  
in 9th after Ohtani  
departs, top  
Angels, 6-2  
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## Man Amigos out-slugs Tokahao

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Man Amigos' Peter Sablan went 4-5 with a home run, five RBIs, and three runs in their 21-17 win over Tokahao in the men's division of the 2022 Budweiser Belau Amateur Softball Association League last Sunday at the Dandan Softball Field.

## Feger: Rocball canceled in Pakistan

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Rocball founder James Feger said Pakistan could no longer play the CNMI's indigenous sport.

This, after the Pakistan Rocball Federation wasn't able to renew its Certificate of Registration and Copyright License Agreement with Feger.

"The Pakistan Rocball Federation has been sent and received the same copyright license agreement and, after a reasonable time of notification, has failed to sign and send a notarized copy of

the CLA as directed," said the Marianas High School physical education teacher who founded the sport in the 1980s.

In contrast, Feger said the Rocball Amateur Federation of India under the leadership of president Rajender S. Ahlawat is in compliance with the CLA and is in good operational conditions for national Rocball games.

The Certificate of Registration for any entity wishing to organize and develop the sport of Rocball in any country is the first stage

of becoming the governing body for the sport of Rocball, according to the Rocball founder.

"After a country has received a Certificate of Registration they are allowed time to organize and develop the sport of Rocball as a new idea and find ways to popularize the sport on the local and national level. Once a Rocball federation or association has established Rocball games on a national level, they are expected to be in compliance with Rocball's Copyright License Agreement," Feger said.

The sport of Rocball has been registered under different copyright categories at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. several times since 1980.

With copyright registrations completed, Rocball is protected under international copyright laws, the World Intellectual Property Organization, The Society Act of 1860 of which Pakistan is a signatory country, according to Feger.

"In the past, I have been invited to travel to Pakistan with expenses paid. But, without a CLA, I don't see how a trip to Pakistan would be beneficial to ei-

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Manny Sablan powered Man Amigos to a 21-17 win over Tokahao as the star-studded squad returned to its winning ways in the men's division of the 2022 Budweiser Belau Amateur Softball Association League last Sunday at the Dandan Softball Field.

A week after being upset by Momma Charo in a close game, the manager of the gold-winning CNMI National Baseball Team in the 2022

Pacific Mini Games piled on Man Amigos' lead with a towering home run in the bottom of the fifth inning that extended their lead to 21-17.

Earlier, Eric Palacios doubled

off Tokahao pitcher George David that brought home Mark Toves to shatter a 17-all tie. Peter Sablan then had a single that allowed Palacios to cross home plate before he too was brought home by his namesake, Manny.

Tokahao actually fended off certain defeat after Alvin Takai scampered to home plate following an infield error by Man Amigos on the top of the inning.

Before Takai's heroics, Man Amigos only needed three

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## Over 60 boats expected for Mafuti Derby

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The I Sanhalom Laguna Anglers Association will hold its 4th Annual Mafuti Derby on Aug. 27 with boats launching from the Smiling Cove Marina.

ISLA president Joe Torres said they're anticipating 60 boats to take part in the one-day derby, which is named after the emperor snapper that is plentiful in the Marianas.

Over \$3,500 in prizes are at stake in the 4th Annual Mafuti Derby, which starts at 6am and ends at 5pm.

A mandatory rules briefing will be held on Aug. 25 at the Minatchom Atdao Pavillion starting at 5:30pm.

Registration forms are  
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I Sanhalom Laguna Anglers Association president Joe Torres, left, with Ed Diaz, the captain of Nibbler, the three-time defending champion of the ISLA Mafuti Derby.



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Rocball founder James Feger with Marianas High School student and up-and-coming Rocball player Jerome Manzon.